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I, Matthew J. MacLean, hereby state and declare as follows:

I am a litigation partner in the law firm Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP. I represent the Settling Devotional Claimants ("SDC") in this matter.

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Order to Show Cause are submitted as Restricted – Subject to Protective Orders in Docket No. 14-CRB-0010-CD/SD (2010-13) solely because they contain information that has been designated as Restricted by Multigroup Claimants in Exhibits F, G, and H of Multigroup Claimants' Response to Order to Show Cause.

I hereby declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed March 16, 2020, in Washington, District of Columbia.

/s/ Matthew J. MacLean

Matthew J. MacLean

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## ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE WHY MULTIGROUP CLAIMANTS SHOULD NOT BE DISQUALIFIED AS AN AGENT TO RECEIVE FUNDS ON BEHALF OF CLAIMANTS

On December 26, 2019, the Settling Devotional Claimants (SDC) submitted to the Copyright Royalty Judges (Judges) a Motion For Order to Show Cause Why Multigroup Claimants Should Not be Disqualified as an Agent to Receive Funds on Behalf of Claimants (Motion). In the Motion, the SDC also moved for an order to show cause why Alfred Galaz d/b/a Multigroup Claimants (MGC) should not be disqualified as an agent to receive copyright royalty funds on behalf of the claimants that he claimed to represent.

#### **Arguments**

According to the SDC, a bankruptcy petition filed by Mr. Galaz – the registered owner of the fictitious business name "Multigroup Claimants" in Bell County, Texas – "demonstrates that he is no longer (and may never have been) the authorized agent on behalf of the claimants." Motion at 1. The SDC contend that communications from MGC's counsel suggest that Mr. Galaz d/b/a Multigroup Claimants is no longer a proper party and no substitution of parties has been sought. As a result, the SDC request that the Judges seek clarification on these contentions before authorizing a final distribution of copyright royalty funds to MGC. *Id.* The SDC also ask the Judges to disqualify Mr. Galaz permanently from serving as an agent in these proceedings if it is determined that he has participated in a fraud or proceeded without authority. *Id.* 

The SDC contend that "the Judges cannot and should not authorize a distribution of royalties to a person who currently lacks the authority to receive them" and notes that the Judges have routinely disqualified agents, including both Independent Producers Group (IPG) and MGC, from proceeding on behalf of claimants who have not authorized the putative agents to proceed. *Id.* at 12 (citing *Order Regarding Objections to Cable and Satellite Claims* (Oct. 23, 2017) at 10-34 and *Independent Producers Group v. Librarian of Congress*, 792 F.3d 132, 141 (D.C. Cir. 2015) (affirming the Judges' finding that IPG had presented inadequate evidence to establish that it had the authority to represent certain claimants)).

The SDC propose that the Judges proceed by obtaining responses, with supporting evidence, in answer to two sets of questions modeled on questions that SDC had posed to MGC's counsel (who purportedly refused to answer them):

- 1. Who is Multigroup Claimants? If it is not Alfred Galaz, then who signed the Certificate of Ownership filed in Bell County, Texas, and why were the Judges and other parties not informed?
- 2. On what basis does Multigroup Claimants claim the right to have participated throughout these proceedings, to agree to disposition of copyright royalty fees, and to collect royalties on behalf of the claimants that it has purported to represent? When and how was that right created, does it still exist, and who currently claims to be the holder?

#### Motion at 13-14.

On January 10, 2020, the Judges received Multigroup Claimants' Opposition to Settling Devotional Claimants' Motion for Order to Show Cause (Opposition). MGC represents that Mr. Galaz "had transferred any interests previously held by Multigroup Claimants, and as of May 2019 had no further interests therein...." Opposition at 3. MGC represents that "[b]ecause of a transfer in January 2018 that created a commonality of ownership in both Worldwide Subsidy Group, LLC and Multigroup Claimants, the interests of Multigroup Claimants were folded into Worldwide Subsidy Group, LLC, and Worldwide Subsidy Group, LLC adopted Multigroup Claimants ... as an ... assumed name." *Id.* at 5. MGC states that "to avoid any supposed confusion regarding such matters..., Worldwide Subsidy Group, LLC, formally registered an assumed name certificate with the State of Texas for Multigroup Claimants." Opposition at 5 (citing Ex. A to the Opposition, a document entitled Certificate of Filing of Worldwide Subsidy Group LLC from Office of the Secretary of State of Texas, dated January 6, 2020). MGC states further that

[a]t no time has Multigroup Claimants considered it necessary to file a "substitution of parties" under circumstances as the foregoing, i.e., where all of the interests in an entity are transferred to another entity that is owned by the identical individual, and that continues to act in the stead of that entity formally utilizing the identical name. Nonetheless, if the Judges consider it necessary to engage in such formality, clarifying that Multigroup Claimants is no longer an assumed name for Alfred Galaz, but is now an assumed name for Worldwide Subsidy Group, LLC (which had been 99% owned by Alfred Galaz at the time of transfer), Multigroup Claimants will accommodate the Judges. Beyond that accommodation, no further action is necessary or warranted.

Opposition at 7-8.

On January 21, 2020, the Judges received the SDC's Reply in Support of Motion for Order to Show Cause Why Multigroup Claimants Should Not Be Disqualified as an Agent to Receive Funds on Behalf of Claimants (Reply). In its Reply, the SDC state that

[e]ven if it is true that the assets associated with Multigroup Claimants were conveyed to Worldwide Subsidy Group, and even if Worldwide Subsidy Group began doing business under the name "Multigroup Claimants" (a name it did not register until January 6, 2020, eleven days *after* the SDC filed their motion for order to show cause), the assumption of a business name does not change a party's identity. Regardless of Worldwide Subsidy Group's assumption of the business name "Multigroup Claimants," a substitution of parties is required under the Judges' rules to replace Worldwide Subsidy Group for Alfred Galaz in all proceedings before the Judges.

#### Reply at 2 (citing 37 CFR § 360.4(c)).

The SDC go on, however, to assert that "if Alfred Galaz's declaration [which MGC included as an exhibit to its Opposition] is true, then Worldwide Subsidy Group has actively concealed its identity with Multigroup Claimants through multiple false statements to the Judges over the course of at least two years." Reply at 3-5 (noting that on December 12, 2017, Worldwide Subsidy Group's counsel described MGC as an "assignee" of Worldwide Subsidy Group rather than as an assumed name for Worldwide Subsidy Group; referencing Testimony of Raul Galaz (Alfred Galaz's son) who stated on December 29, 2017 that MGC was "a sole proprietorship organized in the state of Texas" and that MGC "represents the interests of Worldwide Subsidy Group, LLC in these proceedings"; noting that on January 17, 2018, MGC filed an opposition to a motion in which MGC referred to Worldwide Subsidy Group as MGC's predecessor and assignor; noting that on January 29 and February 7, 2018, MGC filed oppositions to motions in which MGC referred to Worldwide Subsidy Group as MGC's "predecessor"; noting that MGC, as recently as August 14, 2019, in its appeal of the Judges' determination in the Program Suppliers and Sports categories with the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit, continued to maintain that it is distinct from Worldwide Subsidy Group).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> On January 22, 2020, the Judges received a motion from MGC requesting leave to file a sur-reply to the SDC's Motion for Order to Show Cause. The SDC opposed that motion later that day, arguing that "[t]he only relief that the SDC have asked for is an order requiring Multigroup Claimants to show cause why it should not be disqualified as an agent. If the SDC's motion is granted, then Multigroup Claimants will be given a full opportunity to present its defense, if any." SDC Opposition to Multigroup Claimants' Motion for Sur-reply to Settling Devotional Claimants' Motion For Order to Show Cause at 1. The relief that the SDC seek is broader than an order to show cause why Multigroup Claimants should not be disqualified as an agent in the current proceeding. Indeed, the SDC call for Multigroup Claimants, Alfred Galaz and Worldwide Subsidy Group, under any name, to be debarred permanently from participating in copyright royalty proceedings. *See* Reply at 10. Nevertheless, the Judges do agree with the SDC that any arguments that MGC might make in its defense in a sur-reply to the SDC's Motion for Order to Show Cause, can be made in response to the Judges' *Order to Show Cause*. Therefore, the Judges **DENY** MGC's request to file a sur-reply.

On January 14, 2020, the Judges also received Multigroup Claimants' Motion for Final Distribution of 2010-2013 Satellite Royalty Funds. Because the Judges grant SDC's Motion for Order to Show Cause, the Judges' **DENY** without prejudice MGC's motion for final distribution of satellite royalties. MGC may file another motion for final distribution following resolution of the claimant representation issues presented by the Judges' *Order to Show Cause*.

The SDC assert that certain of Alfred Galaz's representations to the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Oklahoma were also false. Reply at 5-7. In particular, the SDC assert that in statements filed with the bankruptcy court Mr. Galaz: (1) failed to disclose that he owned MGC within 4 years before he filed for bankruptcy; and (2) falsely claimed that Worldwide Subsidy Group was "inactive" and that it was worth "\$0" in fair market value when in fact "[a]s of January 1, 2018, under the name 'Independent Producers Group,' Worldwide Subsidy Group was actively pursuing claims for royalties in the 2000-2003 cable proceeding...and the 2004-2009 cable and 1999-2009 satellite proceedings" and in the 2010-13 cable and satellite distribution proceedings. *Id.* at 7.

The SDC also assert that in a Declaration from Mr. Galaz that MGC filed in the current proceeding, Mr. Galaz made a statement regarding his ownership of MGC that contradicts a franchise tax filing he made in Texas in 2018. *Compare* Alfred Galaz Declaration in Support of Multigroup Claimants' Opposition to Settling Devotional Claimants' Motion for Order to Show Cause ¶ 4 (Jan. 9, 2020) ("I had already transferred all interests held by [Multigroup Claimants] into Worldwide Subsidy Group, LLC, which adopted 'Multigroup Claimants' as an assumed name. At the time of such transfer, I owned 99% of Worldwide Subsidy Group, LLC, and *effective January 1, 2018 transferred all of my interests in that entity*") *with* Texas Franchise Tax Public Information Report (Jun. 23, 2018), (Mr. Galaz identified as a Partner and Director (with Ruth Galaz) of Worldwide Subsidy Group LLC.) Reply at 8 and Ex. C (emphasis added). According to the SDC, "if Alfred Galaz's declaration is true, then Worldwide Subsidy Group's Public Information Report is false." Reply at 8.

The SDC contend that "[t]he revelation that Worldwide Subsidy Group has actively deceived the Judges and the parties as to the true identity of 'Multigroup Claimants' constitutes an 'unforeseen circumstance[]' that would frustrate the proper implementation of" the Judges' determination in this proceeding. Reply at 9. The SDC assert that "payment of claimant funds into the hands of a purported agent who has deceived the Judges would not be a 'proper implementation' of the Judges' final determination." *Id.* at 10. Lastly, the SDC claim that Worldwide Subsidy Group has not even attempted to show good cause for its years of delay in requesting to substitute itself for Alfred Galaz d/b/a Multigroup Claimants as required by the Judges' rules. According to the SDC, "protection of the claimants and the public requires that both Alfred Galaz and Worldwide Subsidy Group, under any name, be permanently debarred from participation in copyright royalty proceedings." *Id*.

#### **Analysis and Conclusions**

Under the Judges' rules, a claimant who believes he or she is entitled to a share of copyright royalties for a given year must file a timely claim with the CRB or have an authorized representative file a timely claim on the claimant's behalf. 37 CFR §§ 360.3 and 360.4. The claims must include a declaration of authority to file the claim and a certification of the veracity of the information contained in the claim and the good faith of the person signing in providing the information. 37 CFR §§ 360.4(b)(1)(iv) and (b)(2)(vi). In the event the legal name and/or address of the copyright owner entitled to royalties or the person or entity filing the claim changes after the filing of the claim, the filer or the copyright owner shall notify the CRB of the change. 37 CFR § 360.4(c). These provisions are not mere formalities. They are essential to ensure that only those parties entitled to a share of royalties are included in the pool of eligible claimants and that the information contained in the royalty claims remains accurate throughout the copyright royalty distribution process, which can (and usually does) last for several years

after the claim is filed. The provisions also help to ensure that when funds are available for distribution, they are paid to the claimant whose copyrighted works were used pursuant to the applicable statutory license, which is the ultimate goal of the royalty distribution process. If the good faith efforts of the CRB to contact the copyright owner or filer are frustrated because of outdated or otherwise inaccurate contact information, the claim may be subject to dismissal. 37 CFR § 360.4(c).

In their Motion, the SDC allege that MGC (and its allegedly erstwhile owner, Alfred Galaz) failed to inform and indeed intentionally misled the Judges (as well as a federal bankruptcy court) regarding certain material changes in the identity of the person or entity representing the underlying claimants initially identified by MGC in this proceeding. That failure has created uncertainty with respect to Multigroup Claimants' and Mr. Galaz's authority to continue to represent claimants that MGC purports to represent.

For its part, MGC does not dispute that Alfred Galaz at one point during the proceeding was a sole proprietor of a business operating under the fictitious business name "Multigroup Claimants" that had been assigned the right to represent claimants by Worldwide Subsidy Group LLC (WSG), a, and that on an undetermined later date he transferred that right back to WSG which, in turn, adopted "Multigroup Claimants" as an assumed name. Opposition at 3 and Galaz Declaration ¶ 4. MGC also asserts that Mr. Galaz at one time owned substantially all of WSG, but relinquished that interest effective January 1, 2018. Galaz Declaration ¶ 4.

MGC does not contend that it notified the Judges or the other parties of transfers of the right to represent claimants or changes in ownership of WSG and MGC that have occurred throughout the proceeding, but rather claims that

[a]t no time has Multigroup Claimants considered it necessary to file a "substitution of parties" under circumstances as the foregoing, i.e., where all of the interests in an entity are transferred to another entity that is owned by the identical individual, and that continues to act in the stead of that entity formally utilizing the identical name. Nonetheless, if the Judges consider it necessary to engage in such formality, clarifying that Multigroup Claimants is no longer an assumed name for Alfred Galaz, but is now an assumed name for Worldwide Subsidy Group, LLC (which had been 99% owned by Alfred Galaz at the time of transfer), Multigroup Claimants will accommodate the Judges. Beyond that accommodation, no further action is necessary or warranted.

#### Opposition at 7-8.

In other words, Multigroup Claimants did not believe it was required to inform the Judges of the ownership changes it had made. The Judges disagree. The Judges' rule on this point, 37 CFR 360.4(c), is very clear:

In the event the legal name and/or address of the copyright owner entitled to royalties or the person or entity filing the claim changes after the filing of the claim, the filer or the copyright owner shall notify the Copyright Royalty Board of the change.

Throughout the course of this proceeding, the names, and apparently, the controlling party or parties of the "entity" that currently calls itself Multigroup Claimants have changed and the rights to represent claimants have been assigned. The names Independent Producers Group, Worldwide Subsidy Group, Multigroup Claimants, Spanish Language Producers as well as various members of the Galaz extended family have, at one time or another during the proceeding, been associated with the entity that now calls itself Multigroup Claimants. Whatever or whomever Multigroup Claimants is, however, it is at its core purportedly an agent representing the interests of claimants that own or control interests in copyrights that may be eligible for royalty payments pursuant to statutory licenses that the Judges administer. Who or what that entity is matters to the Judges in determining whether that person or entity can properly represent the interests of copyright claimants. As a result, it is essential that the Judges be kept informed about the legal status of the entity that would be responsible for ensuring that copyright owners receive the royalties that the Judges order to be distributed. At this point, the current record in this proceeding lacks clarity regarding the identity and ownership of the entity that calls itself Multigroup Claimants. As a result, the Judges find that it is necessary and appropriate to **GRANT** the SDC's Motion. As such, the Judges **ORDER** MGC to **SHOW CAUSE** why MGC should not be disqualified as an agent to receive funds on behalf of claimants. Specifically, the Judges direct MGC to file in eCRB no later than ten days after the date of this order a response to this Order that provides:

- (1) The identity and legal status (*i.e.*, whether the person is an individual, a limited liability company, or some other type of entity) of every person or entity that has or has had an interest in representing any of the claimants that Multigroup Claimants purports to represent in this proceeding, as well as the percentage of legal and/or beneficial ownership interests or interest that any person or entity held or holds in the claims asserted in this proceeding.
- (2) For any person or entity identified in (1), provide the beginning and ending dates of such representation and the name under which that person or entity operated during that period (*e.g.*, Alfred Galaz d/b/a Multigroup Claimants represented all claimants' interests from January 1, 2015 through January 1, 2018).
- (3) For any sale or transfer of interests between or among persons or entities identified in (1) provide documentation regarding the sale of interest or transfer of ownership. If no documentation is available, make an affirmative statement to that affect and provide a supporting affidavit of a person knowledgeable about such sale or transfer testifying to the transfer and explaining the absence of documentation.
- (4) For any entity identified in (1) that is not an individual provide any documentation identifying the legal status and ownership of the entity that was filed with any government agency (*e.g.*, certificate of incorporation).
- (5) For any and all transfers of ownership of any of the parties in (1) provide copies of any communication made either to the Copyright

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> When MGC initially filed its Petition to Participate in this proceeding it was not an entity at all, but an individual—Alfred Galaz—doing business under the assumed name "Multigroup Claimants."

Royalty Board or the Judges as well as any communication provided to the copyright claimants that Multigroup Claimants purports to represent as agent in this proceeding. If no such communication was provided, affirmatively state the reason why such communication was not made and provide a supporting affidavit from a person knowledgeable about the transfer of ownership.

(6) For any claimant whose representation agreement requires the claimant's consent to an assignment of the agreement, documentation evidencing such consent. *See*, *e.g.*, *Ruling and Order Regarding Objections to Cable and Satellite Claims*, at 15-16) (Oct. 23, 2017).

#### SO ORDERED.

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Jesse M. Feder

Chief Copyright Royalty Judge

DATED: February 24, 2020.







#### [PUBLIC VERSION]

# Before the COPYRIGHT ROYALTY JUDGES Washington, D.C.

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## DECLARATION OF BRIAN BOYDSTON IN SUPPORT OF MULTIGROUP CLAIMANTS' RESPONSE TO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

- I, Brian Boydston, declare:
- 1. I am over 18 years of age and an attorney at law duly licensed to practice law in the California. I am a partner in the law firm of Pick & Boydston, LLP, attorneys of record for Multigroup Claimants in this proceeding.
- 2. REDACTED

#### 3. REDACTED

More significantly, I was not aware of any ruling that a change of ownership in any participant must be communicated to all other participants, *ad infinitum*, or at all. In fact, in response to Multigroup Claimants' discovery request for information on the then-current ownership of the SDC participants in this proceeding, the Judges expressly ruled that the SDC were not required to produce such documents. *Order Granting In Part and Denying In Part Multigroup Claimants' Motion to Compel Production by Settling Devotional Claimants* (Sept. 14, 2016), at 4. *Ipso facto*, I would not have believed there to be any obligation to update any party on Multigroup Claimants' ownership status, any more than other parties (such as the SDC) had an obligation to update Multigroup Claimants.

- 4. The SDC is comprised of almost twenty (20) entities in this proceeding alone, and has repeatedly informed the Judges that it is not a singular entity, but multiple entities, *each* an active participant in the allocation and distribution proceedings. Nonetheless, over the course of two decades, during which I have been counsel in the proceedings the vast majority of which, on not one occasion has the SDC ever notified IPG, Multigroup Claimants, or *any* adversary, of either the identity of the participants' ownership, or that there has been a change of ownership, for any of its participant entities.
- 5. In this very proceeding the SDC affirmatively challenged Multigroup Claimants' request for such ownership information, *and prevailed*. See *Order Granting in Part and Denying in Part*

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Multigroup Claimants' Motion to Compel Production by Settling Devotional Claimants at 4 (Sept. 14, 2016). This was despite the fact that the SDC's challenge, and the Judges' discovery ruling, was contrary to 37 C.F.R. § 360.4(c). Such provision applies to the filers of "July claims", such as the separate entities that collectively refer to themselves as the SDC.

6. The Judges had already observed in their October 23, 2017 ruling that "[t]he same individuals who conducted IPG's business now conduct [Multigroup Claimants'] business" (Ruling and Order Regarding Objection to Cable and Satellite Claims, at 9) -- a fact to which Multigroup Claimants never suggested otherwise. Consequently, and in addition to the fact that there has never been a ruling that participants are expected to update other participants as to the status of their ownership,

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#### 7. REDACTED

In fact, and even as to the issue of IPG's transfer of interests to any other entity such as Multigroup Claimants, the Judges had already observed, months prior, that no restriction existed on IPG's authority to convey collection rights to any such third party. See *Ruling and Order Regarding Objections to Cable and Satellite Claims*, at 16 (Oct. 23, 2017).

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while this information was not kept secret, it was not communicated to represented copyright holders.

9. To my knowledge, no communication was made to either the Judges or any copyright owner whose interests are represented in this proceeding, READCTED

Again, while such fact was not hidden, no purpose existed to notify any party, nor any obligation to do so.

- 10. No discovery request was ever made seeking documents relating to IPG's ownership.
- 11. Even if such a discovery request had been made, no ruling has ever issued that a change of ownership in any participant must be communicated to all other participants, *ad infinitum*, or at all, and the Judges had expressly ruled previously that the SDC were not required to produce such documents.

#### 12. REDACTED

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed this 28th day of February, 2020, at Los Angeles, California.

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Declaration of Brian Boydston In Support of Multigroup Claimants Response to Order to Show Cause

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### **Assumed Name Records**

# Certificate of Ownership for a Business or Profession

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JAN 2 0 2015 SHELLEY COSTON COUNTY CLX BELL CO. TEXAS

Name in which business will be conducted: MULTIGROUP CLAIMANTS
Business address: 508 RED CLOUD DR

HARKER HEIGHTS, TX 76548

This business will be conducted as: Sole Proprietor

Period during which assumed name will be used: 10 YEARS

I/WE, the undersigned am/are the owner(s) of the above business and my/our name and address given is/are true and correct, and there is/are no other ownership(s) in said business other than those listed below.

A Galaz

ALFRED GALAZ 508 RED CLOUD DR, HARKER HEIGHTS, TX 76548

Number of owners included No others follow.

#### BELL COUNTY TREASURER OFFICIAL RECEIPT

Method of Payment \_ Cash

County Clerk General Payment

STATE OF THE

STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF BELL Belton

Cause Number County Clerk Index

RECEIPT NUMBER

736892

**Comment Record Assumed Bus Name** 

Date January 20, 2015

Amount \$5.00

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Received of: MULTIGROUP CLAIMANTS

Customer Copy

State of Texas County of Bell

**BEFORE ME**, the Undersigned Authority, on this day personally appeared the above named individual(s) known to me to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the forgoing instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they are the owner(s) of the above named business and that he/she/they signed the same for the purpose and consideration therein expressed.

Given under my hand and seal of office on January 20th, 2015

Shelley Coston

Bell County Clerk, Bell County, Texas

Deputy.

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#### **AUTHORIZATION and TRANSFER**

For good and valuable consideration, hereby acknowledged as received, Worldwide Subsidy Group LLC dba Independent Producers Group hereby engages and authorizes Multigroup Claimants to act as its representative in connection with all proceedings relating to U.S. cable and satellite retransmission royalties, to the extent that such proceedings relate to 2010 broadcasts and thereafter, until such parties agree otherwise. Such authorization and transfer shall apply to all categories of programming, subject to the caveat that it shall include Spanish language programming only in the event that such programming is not defined as a separate "Phase I" category, whether by order or stipulation of participants in such proceedings.

Effective Date: January 20, 2015

WORLDWIDE SUBSIDY GROUP LLC dba INDEPENDENT PRODUCERS GROUP

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**MULTIGROUP CLAIMANTS** 

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# Before the COPYRIGHT ROYALTY JUDGES Washington, D.C.

In the Matter of	)	
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Distribution of	)	CONSOLIDATED DOCKET NO
Cable Royalty Funds	)	14-CRB-0010-CD/SD
	)	(2010-2013)
In the Matter of	)	,
	)	
Distribution of	)	
Satellite Royalty Funds	)	

# MULTIGROUP CLAIMANTS' OPPOSITION TO (SECOND) JOINT MOTION TO STRIKE MULTIGROUP CLAIMANTS' WRITTEN DIRECT STATEMENT AND TO DISMISS MULTIGROUP CLAIMANTS FROM THE DISTRIBUTION PHASE

Multigroup Claimants ("MC") hereby submits its *Opposition to (Second) Joint Motion to Strike Multigroup Claimants' Written Direct Statements and to Dismiss Multigroup Claimants from the Distribution Phase* in the above-captioned proceeding.

#### **ARGUMENT**

# A. MULTIGROUP CLAIMANTS HAS NOT "VIOLATED THE JUDGES' REGULATIONS" OR "FAILED TO INCORPORATE THE JUDGES' CLAIMS ORDER.

The Settling Devotional Claimants ("SDC") and the Motion Picture Association of America ("MPAA") (collectively, the "Moving Parties") have jointly moved to strike MC's Written Direct Statement in the above proceedings, and dismiss all MC-represented claims for 2010-2013, on the grounds that by making a provisional claim for 100% of the devotional and program suppliers royalty pools, MC's Direct Statement "violates the Judges' regulations" and "made no attempt to incorporate the Judges' October 23, 2017 claims ruling".

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#### 1. The regulations applicable to Written Direct Statement contents.

Section 351.4(b) of the CRB regulations articulates what must be set forth in a written direct statement. That provision in its entirety, reads as follows:

#### (b) Required content—

- (1) *Testimony*. The written direct statement *shall* include all testimony, including each witness's background and qualifications, along with all the exhibits.
- (2) Designated past records and testimony. Each participating party may designate a portion of past records, including records of the Copyright Royalty Tribunal or Copyright Arbitration Royalty Panels, that it wants included in its direct statement. If a party intends to rely on any part of the testimony of a witness in a prior proceeding, the complete testimony of that witness (i.e., direct, cross and redirect examination) must be designated. The party submitting such past records and/or testimony shall include a copy with the written direct statement.
- (3) Claim. In the case of a royalty distribution proceeding, each party must state in the written direct statement its percentage or dollar claim to the fund. In the case of a rate (or rates) proceeding, each party must state its requested rate. No party will be precluded from revising its claim or its requested rate at any time during the proceeding up to, and including, the filing of the proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law.

#### 37 C.F.R. § 351.4(b) (emphasis added).

As reflected, the only two mandatory elements are witness testimony and a claim. While no issue exists that these appear in MC's written direct statement, the Moving Parties contend that MC's stated claim was not made in good faith, was "bogus", and "made no attempt to incorporate the Judges' October 23, 2017 claims ruling".

As to the issue of "good faith", the Moving Parties' argument can only succeed by misrepresenting MC's stated claim. As was set forth in as explicit a manner as possible, MC's written direct statement reads as follows:

"As regards the distribution of 2010-2013 cable and satellite royalties, Multigroup Claimants submits no sponsored distribution methodology. Rather, *Multigroup Claimants has elected to accept the results of methodologies submitted by adverse parties in these proceedings, subject only to modification as to their accuracy and reasonableness, and according to evidence obtained during the course of these proceedings.* To the extent that any proposed methodologies are lacking in accuracy or reasonableness, such issues will be addressed during the rebuttal phase of these distribution proceedings. That is, Multigroup Claimants' concession to any distribution methodology proposed by an adverse party is not unqualified. Rather, it remains subject to any adjustments warranted by information discovered during the course of these proceedings. [footnote]

Moreover, following the presentation of evidence in the distribution proceeding, the Judges may elect to apply a distribution methodology that was originally submitted in one category in order to dictate the results in another category. [footnote]"

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"Pending review of the distribution methodologies advocated by other parties to these distribution proceedings, Multigroup Claimants makes claim to one-hundred percent (100%) of the royalties attributable to the devotional and program supplier categories, comparable to the claims for one-hundred percent of such royalties previously claimed by the Settling Devotional Claimants and the Motion Picture Association of America. Upon review and examination of any distribution methodologies submitted to the Judges, Multigroup Claimants reserves its right to revise its percentage claim according to 37 C.F.R. § 351.4(b)(3)."

MC Written Direct Statement (Dec. 29, 2017), Test. of R. Galaz at 3-4 (emphasis added). Therein, in footnoted citations, MC directed the Judges to the *identical* circumstance as the current proceeding, in which the SDC failed to submit a proposed methodology (yet maintained its claims), and a prior ruling of this panel noting that it may elect to apply a methodology presented in one category on distributions for a different category. Citing Docket nos. 2012-6

CRB CD 2004-2009 (Phase II), 2012-7 CRB SD 1999-2009 (Phase II), Amended Joint Order on Discovery Motions (July 30, 2014), at 8.

As such, MC has already stated that it is working within the parameters of any methodologies submitted in these proceedings, accepted such limitation, and would revise its percentage claim upon review of those methodologies and the data upon which such methodologies are based. On what basis such position could be deemed "bad faith" is not articulated by the Moving Parties.

Regardless, if a provisional claim for "100%" of a category's royalties is automatically deemed "bad faith", it cannot be ignored that both of the Moving Parties have repeatedly submitted written direct statements making claim for 100% of royalties in the category they are prosecuting, including in this very proceeding.1 While the Moving Parties argue that *their* prior claims for 100% were not in bad faith because they were provisionally subject to the Judges' impending ruling on claims, they are indistinguishable.2 Moreover, the MPAA has repeatedly submitted written direct statements that presume, without any factual basis for support, that any of thousands of competing program claims between the MPAA and its adversary will be awarded

<sup>1</sup> See, e.g., Docket No. 14-CRB-0010-CD (2010-13), MPAA Written Direct Statement (June 30, 2017); Docket No. 2008-2 CRB CD 2000-2003 (Phase II), MPAA Written Direct Statement (May 30, 2012), at page 4, SDC Written Direct Statement (May 30, 2012), at page 4.

<sup>2</sup> Ironically, the MPAA sought to have MC's written direct statement dismissed for not specifying a percentage claim, even though the MPAA simply claimed 100% of the program suppliers pool based on the identical impending ruling. Cf. MPAA Written Direct Statement with Multigroup Claimants' Written Direct Statement. Nonetheless, MC's written direct statement was deemed "stricken"; MPAA's written direct statement was deemed "withdrawn". Order Granting In Part Multigroup Claimants Expedited Motion to Continue Distribution Proceedings Following Resolution of Pending Motions at 5 (Aug. 11, 2017).

to the MPAA,3 resulting in miniscule percentage allocations to its adversary.4 Earlier invocations of this allocation were not freely revealed by the MPAA or its expert Dr. Gray, but discovered only after IPG's expert witness found such allocation determination buried in programming code that was produced in discovery. *That* is bad faith.

#### 2. The Judges' October 23, 2017 ruling.

As regards, MC's alleged failure "to incorporate the Judges' October 23, 2017 claims ruling", there is literally nothing to suggest this. First, the Judges October 23, 2017 claims ruling only addressed the validity of claims in these proceedings, not the *value* of such claims, so whether a claim is for 1% or 100% does not itself reflect whether the Judges' ruling has been incorporated or not. Regardless, MC has articulated its intent to adopt a methodology propounded by the Moving Parties, so unless *those* parties have failed to incorporate the Judges' October 23, 2017 claims ruling, as a matter of logic MC cannot be accused of failing to do so.

As best as MC understands, the Moving Parties are arguing that if a party has *any* programs remaining for allocation after the Judges' claims ruling, then it is a certainty that an adverse party cannot be allocated 100%, and that such fact renders MC's provisional claim to be

<sup>3</sup> In this very proceeding, the MPAA purported to propose a distribution methodology, but then rather than identify the allocation to MC according to such methodology, directed its expert witness to automatically assign a zero value to all MC-represented claims. See *Written Direct Statement Regarding Distribution Methodologies of the MPAA-Represented Program Suppliers*, Test. of J. Gray at p. 3 ("I assume that none of MC's claims are valid.").

<sup>4</sup> See, e.g., Docket No. 14-CRB-0010-CD (2010-13), MPAA Written Direct Statement (June 30, 2017); Docket No. 2008-2 CRB CD 2000-2003 (Phase II), MPAA Amended Written Direct Statement (August 20, 2012); Docket No. 2012-6 CRB CD 2004-2009 (Phase II), MPAA Written Direct Statement (May 9, 2014); Docket No. 2012-7 CRB SD 1999-2009 (Phase II), MPAA Written Direct Statement (May 9, 2014); Docket No. 2012-6 CRB CD 2004-2009 (Phase II), MPAA Amended Written Direct Statement (July 8, 2014); Docket No. 2012-7 CRB SD 1999-2009 (Phase II), MPAA Amended Written Direct Statement (July 8, 2014).

in "bad faith". The Judges need not look far to find the hypocrisy of this argument. MC's predecessor and MC have long maintained that the restrictions placed on a copyright owner by the Section 111 and 119 compulsory licenses mandates some allocation of royalties, while the MPAA has long challenged this concept. MC's position has been that once a copyright owner's work has been distantly transmitted, that owner has no authority to seek compensation from the cable system operator or satellite carrier retransmitting the program – it is licensed and there is nothing that the copyright owner can do to derive value *except* through the process followed here.

From IPG's perspective, to accord no value to a licensed program because there was no *ex ante* proof of viewership, is the equivalent of buying groceries then seeking a refund from the grocery store because no one ate them and they sat in the refrigerator. Regardless, while earlier rulings of the CARP embraced IPG's concept, the CRB has rejected it, instead adopting that volume of programming is to be generally disregarded in lieu of viewership evidence, and ruling that if there is no evidence of viewership, a program is deemed valueless.5

For certain, MC would have preferred to have asserted a claim to whatever figures were adopted by the submitted methodologies. Moreover, MC did not *expect* that the methodologies advocated by either the SDC or MPAA would render an allocation of 100% of either the

<sup>5</sup> Docket No. 2008-2 CRB CD 2000-2003 (Phase II), *Distribution of the 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2003 Cable Royalty Funds*, 78 Fed. Reg. 64,984 at 65,000 (Oct. 30, 2013):

<sup>&</sup>quot;The Judges find [IPG's] methodology unacceptable. Even if viewership as a metric for determining royalties may be subject to some adjustment in light of the economic incentives facing a CSO, there is certainly no basis to allow for compensation in the absence of any evidence of viewership."

devotional or program suppliers category to MC. Nonetheless, it was the Moving Parties that previously demanded that every written direct statement assert some percentage or monetary claim, even if the submitting entity realized the inadequacy of information upon which it has relied. Now, amazingly, the Moving Parties seek dismissal of all MC claims despite MC adopting the Moving Parties' methodologies that accord value to MC's claims.

B. NO UNIQUELY CONSTRUCTED DISTRIBUTION METHODOLOGY IS REQUIRED AND, CONTRARY TO THE MOVING PARTIES' ASSERTION, MULTIGROUP CLAIMANTS HAS SET FORTH A DISTRIBUTION METHODOLOGY.

In the current proceedings, MC determined that it was not worthwhile to propose a uniquely constructed distribution methodology. Initially, provided that there are a sufficient number of measurements to be considered in a study, MC's assignor (Independent Producers Group; "IPG") witnessed in prior proceedings that the results between methodologies proposed by IPG and certain methodologies substantially similar to those presented in these proceedings did not generate a substantially different result.6 As a result of the methodologies already presented in the allocation phase of this proceeding and the data described in the direct statements that were submitted, MC already anticipated (correctly) that methodologies substantially similar to prior Phase II methodologies would be presented in this distribution phase. As such, MC's choice was to either resubmit methodologies that this panel has consistently rejected, or redundantly submit the same information and methodology that this

<sup>6</sup> Primary differences arose from the adversary parties' unwarranted disparate treatment of programs controlled by IPG versus the adversary party that were not openly revealed (e.g., commands hidden in computer code).

panel has accepted and was already being presented as part of an adversary's methodology in this distribution phase. Both alternatives would present an extraordinary expense for no perceived benefit. Neither alternative made sense from the standpoint of these proceedings and, candidly, MC's decision could substantially narrow the issues for this proceeding.

As an initial matter, the Moving Parties incorrectly contend that a distribution methodology is required to be submitted by a party in order to preserve the validity of a party's represented claims. *If such were the case*, then the SDC's failure to submit *any* distribution methodology (uniquely constructed, or otherwise) as part of its direct statement in the 2000-2003 cable proceedings (Phase II) would have automatically invalidated all SDC claims in such proceeding, rendering an award to Independent Producers Group of 100% of the devotional programming pool. Such did not occur, nor would have been reasonable. 78 Fed. Reg. 64984, at 65004-05 (Oct. 30, 2013). The fact that the SDC presented no methodology (uniquely constructed, *or otherwise*) was not a basis for dismissing all claims of the SDC, but only the basis for disregarding any untimely presented methodology of the SDC.7

Second, although MC has presented witness testimony and a percentage claim, the regulations requiring the submission of testimony and a percentage or dollar claim to the fund are more reasonably read to mean that such elements must be included in direct statements *if* a party is proposing a uniquely constructed distribution methodology. If a party is proposing a uniquely

<sup>7</sup> The Judges referred to the SDC's post-facto attempt to introduce a distribution methodology a year late as "trial by ambush". 78 Fed. Reg. 64984, at 65004 (Oct. 30, 2013). Despite the Judges' order that the SDC was prohibited from asserting its own distribution methodology, it did not prohibit the SDC from challenging IPG's distribution methodology. More to the point, however, the Judges did not invalidate the claims of the SDC. Id. at 65005. Notwithstanding,

constructed distribution methodology, then it makes rational sense that the party must identify all testimony relied on and the results of the methodological processes, i.e., the percentage or dollar share for which the party is making claim. However, for any party content to accept the methodology submitted by an adversary party, subject only to modifications as to the reasonableness of such methodology and other evidence submitted in the rebuttal phase of proceedings, there is no "testimony" to submit.8 Such fact renders 37 C.F.R. Section 351.4(b)(1) moot in such context. Similarly, Section 351.4(b)(3) is mooted if the party agrees that it is content to work from the adversary party's proposed methodology and, in any event, such provision expressly states that:

"No party will be precluded from revising its claim or its requested rate at any time during the proceeding up to, and including, the filing of the proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law."

As such, while a party could arbitrarily assert a claim to 100% (or 50%, or 1%) of a pool pending review of the adversary's methodology, solely to satisfy such regulation's requirement that *some* figure be presented, a party articulating that such percentage claim would be arbitrary until further specified information is received (such as the receipt of supporting data) is not disingenuous. On the contrary, it is a more truthful statement as to the status of matters, particularly if it identifies the yet-to-be-secured information, as was identified by MC.

that is precisely what the Moving Parties advocate here.

<sup>8</sup> The only caveat to this statement would have been the presentation of witness testimony to address the validity of claims, which at the time the CRB regulations were adopted, was addressed *after* the submission of written direct statements. However, with the Judges' modification of the process to have the claims hearing precede the submission of written direct statements, such issue appears to have been mooted.

The Moving Parties' brief is unclear and misleading. On one hand, the Moving Parties argue that in order for a valid claimant to receive any portion of the program category pools, they must submit a written direct statement advocating a distribution methodology. Nonetheless, review of the Moving Parties' brief presumes that concession to an advocating party's methodology is insufficient, i.e., that a valid claimant must go farther and submit a "uniquely constructed" methodology that has been constructed by that claimant. Such an argument suggests that there *must* be extensive disagreement even where no disagreement or limited disagreement exists. In fact, the Moving Parties' argument would contend that even an outrageously dimwitted methodology would satisfy the requirements of a written direct statement, whereas acceding to a competing methodology would not.9 Quite simply, there is nothing in any regulation, statute or decision to support such a holding, nor does it comport with common sense.

In order to support the less objectionable concept, that some methodology must be elected, even if not a methodology uniquely created by the claimant, the Moving Parties cite to an order in this proceeding that addressed an entirely different concept.10 As the Judges are aware,

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<sup>9</sup> The Moving Parties seek to prematurely challenge the rationale of the percentage claim, a process that is handled in the rebuttal phase of proceedings. By equal logic, the Moving Parties' argument would rationalize a party seeking to dismiss an adversary party's written direct statement on other grounds, prior to the rebuttal portion of proceedings. For example, in the 2000-2003 Phase II proceedings (remand), the SDC has submitted a methodology that is far more rudimentary than a methodology that the Judges had already dismissed as inadequate. See generally, Docket No. 2008-2 CRB CD 2000-2003 (Remand), *IPG Written Rebuttal Statement*. While IPG addressed this fact within IPG's written rebuttal statement, the Moving Parties suggestion is that such matter could be addressed prior to the rebuttal phase, in separate briefing, as is occurring here.

<sup>10</sup> See Order Granting In Part Allocation Phase Parties' Motion to Dismiss Multigroup Claimants and Denying Multigroup Claimants' Motion for Sanctions Against Allocation Phase

the cited ruling related to a motion by *allocation* phase parties to dismiss MC from the *allocation* phase of this proceeding, and MC's cross-motion seeking sanctions for the allocation phase parties' refusal to produce discovery unique to the *allocation* phase of this proceeding. No issue existed that MC was not participating in the allocation phase of this proceeding, or that MC had not filed a written direct statement relating to the allocation phase. At issue was what discovery obligations existed between allocation and distribution phase participants by virtue of the proceeding being deemed a single integrated proceeding (i.e., allocation and distribution) and, additionally, the fact that distribution phase participants had already been required to produce distribution-related discovery to allocation phase parties with whom there was no dispute. Taken in that context, the excerpt cited by the Moving Parties from the August 11 Order appears as either irrelevant or dicta.

The first concept addressed in the cited excerpt is as follows:

"Filing of a written direct statement in each phase remains an essential requirement for further participation in *that* phase of the proceeding."

August 11 Order at 3 (emphasis added). Quite simply, the Judges ruled that, despite allocation and distribution phases of the proceeding being part of the same "proceeding", MC was required to file a written direct statement relating to allocation issues in order to participate in *that* phase of the proceeding.

The second concept addressed in the cited excerpt is as follows:

*Parties* (August 11, 2017). Conspicuously, nowhere do the Moving Parties provide the full title of the order, simply referring to is as the *August 11 Order*, even though three different orders issued on such date in this proceeding. Providing the full title would have made clear the irrelevance of such order to the issue before the Judges here.

"Articulating one's *allocation* methodology and presenting the evidence supporting it is the most basic, indispensable element of any party's participation in adjudicating *allocation* issues. Failing to do so is inimical to a party's continued participation in the category *allocation* decision."

August 11 Order at 3 (emphasis added). Again, the Judges ruled that by MC not articulating an allocation methodology, it could not participate in addressing allocation issues. Nonetheless, such language was dicta from the standpoint that MC was not participating in the allocation phase, at all. That is, MC did not file a written direct statement, and was not taking any position as to whether one or another distribution methodology should apply. MC's motion asserting its entitlement to discovery was based on its interpretation of the Judges' rulings requiring an exchange of discovery between allocation and distribution phase participants. Further, the Judges did not previously dismiss MC's written direct statement in the distribution phase of this proceeding because it failed to set forth a particular methodology, but rather because it "include[d] none of the required elements of a written direct statement set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 351.4(b)." See Order Granting In Part Multigroup Claimants' Expedited Motion To Continue Distribution Proceedings Following Resolution of Pending Motions at 2 (August 11, 2017).

By contrast to the foregoing circumstance, MC *has* filed a written direct statement in the distribution phase, *has* included all of the required elements, and *has* identified the distribution methodologies to which it will accept. While the Moving Parties' cite MC's written direct statement that MC "submits no sponsored distribution methodology", taken in context this statement is clearly asserting that MC is not presenting a "uniquely constructed" distribution methodology that has been constructed by MC. It is not stating that MC is refusing to accept the results of methodologies submitted by adverse parties in these proceedings, as the Moving

Parties suggest, and text to the exact contrary appear in MC's written direct statement (see above). Specifically, MC's written direct statement clarifies that MC has agreed to "accept the results of methodologies submitted by adverse parties in these proceedings".

Whereas the Moving Parties utilize their stylistic inflammatory rhetoric, accusing MC of "sandbagging" to make "cherry-picked adjustments", to file a "placeholder pleading", in order to obtain a "second bite at the apple", the very logic of these statement fails. MC has forfeited any right to submit its own uniquely-constructed methodology, and only retains the same right that it would otherwise have to issue rebuttal against an adverse party. Exposing calculation and other errors with an adverse methodology and arguing for adjustments thereunder, is far from presenting a uniquely constructed methodology. That is, no different than in any proceeding previously before the CRB and its predecessors, a party may logically argue that a methodology is failing in a particular manner, then argue for the adjustment that would remedy such error. Methodologies need not be, nor have ever been required to be, taken on an all-or-nothing basis, as the Moving Parties suggest.

#### **CONCLUSION**

In sum, the Judges have before them the proverbial "pot calling the kettle black". Multigroup Claimants has engaged in no act in violation of the regulations, no act that disregards this panel's order, and no act that either of the Moving Parties have not engaged in on multiple occasions. The only difference is that MC has been forthright regarding its rationale for its claim, and explained its intent to modify its claim to comport with any submitted methodologies once the underlying data supporting those methodologies has been produced. The Moving Parties seek the dismissal of all MC claims despite the fact that the written direct statements of

both Moving Parties concede that MC is entitled some percentage of the devotional and program suppliers category funds.

Respectfully submitted,

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# MULTIGROUP CLAIMANTS' OPPOSITION TO MPAA MOTION TO QUASH DISCOVERY REQUESTS OF MULTIGROUP CLAIMANTS

Multigroup Claimants ("MC") hereby submits its *Opposition to MPAA Motion to Quash Discovery Requests of Multigroup Claimants* in the above-captioned proceeding.

#### **ARGUMENT**

A. THE MPAA'S MOTION TO QUASH MULTIGROUP CLAIMANTS'
DISCOVERY RESTS ENTIRELY ON THE JUDGES' RULING ON THE "JOINT
MOTION TO STRIKE MULTIGROUP CLAIMANTS' WRITTEN DIRECT
STATEMENT", AND NO OTHER BASIS. THE MPAA AND SDC HAVE
PREVIOUSLY PARTICIPATED IN SUBSTANTIALLY SIMILAR
PROCEEDINGS, WITH NO CONSEQUENCE TO THE CLAIMS OF THE
PARTICIPANT, AND MISREPRESENTED SUCH FACT TO THE JUDGES.

The Motion Picture Association of America ("MPAA") previously moved to strike MC's Written Direct Statement in the above proceedings, and dismiss all MC-represented claims for 2010-2013. As is immediately apparent, the entire basis of the MPAA's *Motion to Quash Discovery of Multigroup Claimants* rests on the outcome of that previously-submitted motion, and no other grounds.

Presumably, the MPAA believes that the Judges are not sufficiently astute to recognize

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the MPAA's gross mischaracterization of Multigroup Claimants' written direct statement. That insulting fact is the only reasonable explanation for the MPAA's repeated statement that Multigroup Claimants "did not file" a written direct statement.

For risk of being repetitive of the arguments set forth in Multigroup Claimants'

Opposition to Motion to Strike the Written Direct Statement of Multigroup Claimants,

Multigroup Claimants has filed a written direct statement in the distribution phase, has included all of the required elements, and has identified the distribution methodologies to which it will accept. While the MPAA asserts that MC's written direct statement failed to submit to a distribution methodology, such was not the case. MC did not present a "uniquely constructed" distribution methodology that was constructed by MC, but expressly stated that MC has agreed to "accept the results of methodologies submitted by adverse parties in these proceedings". As is clear from all statutes and regulations pertaining to the filing of written direct statements, no obligation exists to submit to any particular distribution methodology as part of any written direct statement, yet MC nonetheless did so. See 37 C.F.R. § 351.4(b).

In fact, Multigroup Claimants' situation is not unique. When Multigroup Claimants responded to the *Joint Motion to Strike Written Direct Statement of Multigroup Claimants*, filed by the MPAA and the SDC, Multigroup Claimants was able to identify at least one proceeding in which the SDC presented no distribution methodology, yet such fact did not affect the claims of the SDC under a competing party's methodology (IPG's), or the SDC's entitlement to engage in rebuttal directed toward IPG's proposed methodology. See *Multigroup Claimants' Opposition the Joint Motion to Strike Written Direct Statement of Multigroup Claimants* (Jan. 17, 2018), *citing* 2000-2003 cable proceeding (Phase II). More on point, Multigroup Claimants has

identified yet *another* proceeding in which the SDC submitted no methodology, but different from the 2000-2003 cable proceeding (Phase II), the SDC affirmatively advocated application of another party's methodology – *exactly as Multigroup Claimants has done in this proceeding*. See *Distribution of the 2004 and 2005 Cable Royalty Funds*, 75 Fed. Reg. 57063, 57075 (Sept. 17, 2010).

In the 2004-2005 cable proceeding (Phase I), the SDC advocated application of the JSC's sponsored Bortz survey, presenting no methodology of its own. In fact, the *only* testimony offered by the SDC was by witness Dr. William Brown, whose testimony was for the purpose of rationalizing the increase of devotional programming share under the Bortz survey since the 1990-1992 proceeding. As reflected by the decision, the Judges found Dr. Brown's testimony to unsubstantiated opinion, totally lacking in any value.1

The existence of this example is poignant for several facts. First, the Judges' decision makes abundantly clear that the SDC remained as a participant in the proceeding, and was awarded a share based on its claims. Second is the fact that both the MPAA and the SDC took part in such proceeding, including certain counsel of record for both parties in *this* proceeding. Consequently, the MPAA and SDC have sought to distort the precedent applicable to these proceedings despite firsthand knowledge that a party's advocacy of another party's methodology, without presentation of its own uniquely constructed methodology, has no consequence on the viability of claims. At a certain point, the Judges must accept that such is not mere advocacy, but

<sup>1</sup> See *Distribution of the 2004 and 2005 Cable Royalty Funds*, 75 Fed. Reg. 57063, 57075 (Sept. 17, 2010) ("The testimony offered [by Dr. William Brown on behalf of the SDC] regarding growth of devotional programming and avidity and loyalty of devotional viewers was anecdotal in nature and comprised largely of unsupported opinion.").

a fraud on the Court, one that should not be taken lightly.

In any event, although Multigroup Claimants would never advocate doing so, nothing prohibits a party from asserting a claimed percentage or dollar amount to a fund, then asserting that it is based on nothing more than the unsubstantiated opinion of a sponsoring witness. As noted in the example above, the SDC has done *exactly* this in the past and, predictably, the results of such SDC "methodology" was found totally lacking in merit. Id. Nonetheless, such meritless methodology did not result in the dismissal of all SDC claims.2 Rather, it simply resulted in the Judges' adoption of an adversary's methodology.

Even ignoring the MPAA's knowing misrepresentation of precedent by seeking to strike Multigroup Claimants' written direct statement, an extraordinarily offensive aspect of the MPAA motion is the MPAA's repeated claim that by Multigroup Claimants not submitting a uniquely constructed methodology, and merely having an ability to check the MPAA's methodology by means of the rebuttal process, MC has obtained an unfair strategic advantage by "obtaining a preview of other parties' cases *before presenting its own*".3 MPAA motion at 2 (emphasis

<sup>2</sup> Ergo, in Multigroup Claimants' Opposition to Motion to Strike the Written Direct Statement of Multigroup Claimants, Multigroup Claimants observed that the moving parties would contend that even an outrageously dimwitted methodology would satisfy the requirements of a written direct statement, whereas acceding to a competing methodology would not.

<sup>3</sup> As but another example of gross mischaracterization, the MPAA states, "Nor is MPAA aware of any instance where a party was permitted to sit on the sidelines of a distribution proceeding, watch other parties submit their own testimonies and exhibits advocating a distribution methodology, and thereafter file its own testimonies and exhibits advocating a methodology for the first time in rebuttal, as MGC proposes to do in this proceeding." MPAA motion at 2-3 (emphasis added). To support this statement, the MPAA cites to Multigroup Claimants' written direct statement, which says nothing about Multigroup Claimants intent or ability to submit its own methodology.

added). The only way for such statement to make sense is to mischaracterize a party's rebuttal against another party's written direct statement as a presentation of a uniquely constructed methodology, which it is not. Nevertheless, using this logic-starved assertion as its predicate, the MPAA conclude that by allowing MC to engage in *any* rebuttal to the MPAA-proposed methodology, i.e., allowing MC to engage in even the most meager fact-checking to verify whether the MPAA methodology generates the results it asserts to produce, MC is presenting "its own" methodology. Based on this ridiculous statement, the MPAA concludes that MC has presented a "placeholder pleading" – accusing Multigroup Claimants of the very act in which it is engaged. See infra.

B. THE MPAA NEVER INTENDED TO COMPLY WITH ITS DISCOVERY OBLIGATIONS, HAS FILED A "PLACEHOLDER PLEADING", AND IS FORECLOSED FROM RAISING ANY FURTHER OBJECTIONS TO MULTIGROUP CLAIMANTS' DISCOVERY REQUESTS.

The Judges prior scheduling order in this proceeding gives no details about the schedule for discovery, directing only that discovery commence on December 29, 2017 and conclude on March 1, 2018. See *Order Consolidating Proceedings and Reinstating Case Schedule* (Dec. 22, 2017). Nevertheless, given the time typically required to review direct statements, draft discovery, respond to discovery, produce documents in response to discovery, analyze produced documents with the assistance of expert witnesses, submit "follow-up" discovery, respond to the "follow-up" discovery and produce documents in response thereto, a very tight timeline exists. The Judges provided only two months for all the foregoing to occur, and even with cooperating parties, this timeline would be difficult to accomplish. Nonetheless, on multiple prior occasions the task has been accomplished by cooperating counsel.

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As should be expected, the Judges presumed that the parties and their counsel would act professionally and cooperate in this proceeding. The MPAA has not. In order to accommodate the Judges' scheduling order, and provide a schedule on which all parties could rely, Multigroup Claimants proposed a discovery schedule to the MPAA. Multigroup Claimants made the proposal *prior* to the submission of written direct statements, on December 21, 2017, and the MPAA simply did not respond. See **Exhibit A**. Following the aforementioned order consolidating proceedings and moving the filing date for written direct statements from December 22, 2017 to December 29, 2017, Multigroup Claimants revised the proposal in order to extend all the proposed dates by an additional week, and *again* submitted the proposed discovery schedule. See **Exhibit B**. Even prior to seeing Multigroup Claimants' written direct statement, the MPAA declined to agree, and already anticipating its intent to not cooperate with discovery in this proceeding, the MPAA refused to propose an alternative to Multigroup Claimants' proactive proposal.4 Id.

It is therefore ironic that the MPAA's motion alleges Multigroup Claimants' written direct statement is a "placeholder pleading", when the *only* party submitting a "placeholder pleading" in these proceedings is the MPAA.5 What is before the Judges, therefore, is a

<sup>4</sup> The basis provided by the MPAA to refusing to agree to a discovery schedule was its ostensible need to first see Multigroup Claimants' written direct statement. Nonetheless, in all prior proceedings, discovery schedules were proposed and agreed upon between the parties *prior* to the filing of written direct statements. That is, the MPAA never previously insisted that a discovery schedule was predicated on first seeing an adversary party's written direct statement.

<sup>5</sup> Of course, it should not be lost on the Judges that in the Allocation phase of these proceedings, the MPAA has attempted to modify its written direct statement a few weeks prior to the trial proceeding, and yet in the consolidated 1999-2009 satellite/2004-2009 cable proceeding referred to Independent Producer Groups amendment to its written direct statement mere days after its initial filing as a "placeholder pleading". The mischaracterization of IPG's pleading was

circumstance in which the MPAA has filed a motion to quash based on an argument that is not only logically indefensible, but is without legal precedent *and* runs contrary to what has occurred in prior proceedings in which the MPAA was a firsthand participant. In order to push its indefensible argument along, the MPAA has misrepresented the law to the Judges, and mischaracterized Multigroup Claimants' ability to engage in the rebuttal phase of the proceedings as "a presentation of a methodology of Multigroup Claimants' own making". Taken in the context of the MPAA's clearly reflected intent to not engage in discovery *at all*, the MPAA's motion to quash is revealed for exactly what it is – a bad faith refusal to partake in these proceedings.

#### CONCLUSION

Multigroup Claimants timely propounded discovery requiring response from the MPAA no later than January 15, 2018. At this point, the parties are halfway through the defined discovery period, which is scheduled to conclude on March 1, 2018. The MPAA's strategic dilatory tactic, made by misrepresenting the law and processes that this panel of Judges has previously required be followed, will unduly prejudice Multigroup Claimants far more than any act for which IPG has previously been sanctioned. The MPAA is well aware of this fact, well aware of the consequences for refusing to engage in discovery, and the only proper remedy is to impose a discovery sanction on the MPAA on par with that previously imposed on Multigroup Claimants' predecessor, IPG.

made despite the fact that IPG's amendment was submitted even prior to the submission of discovery requests, demonstrating that there was no cognizable benefit to IPG delaying submission of its corrected expert witness testimony.

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For the foregoing reasons, the MPAA's motion to quash should be forthwith denied, and the MPAA should be ordered to immediately produce all responsive documents.

Respectfully submitted,

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# MULTIGROUP CLAIMANTS' OPPOSITION TO SETTLING DEVOTIONAL CLAIMANTS' MOTION TO QUASH DISCOVERY REQUESTS OF MULTIGROUP CLAIMANTS

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Multigroup Claimants' Opposition to SDC Motion to Quash Discovery Requests of Multigroup Claimants

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#### **ARGUMENT**

# A. THE SDC NEVER INTENDED TO COMPLY WITH ITS DISCOVERY OBLIGATIONS, AND SUBMITTED AN UNTIMELY MOTION TO QUASH DISCOVERY.

The Judges prior scheduling order in this proceeding gives no details about the schedule for discovery, directing only that discovery commence on December 29, 2017 and conclude on March 1, 2018. See *Order Consolidating Proceedings and Reinstating Case Schedule* (Dec. 22, 2017). Nevertheless, given the time typically required to review direct statements, draft discovery, respond to discovery, produce documents in response to discovery, analyze produced documents with the assistance of expert witnesses, submit "follow-up" discovery, respond to the "follow-up" discovery and produce documents in response thereto, a very tight timeline exists. The Judges provided only two months for all the foregoing to occur, and even with cooperating parties, this timeline would be difficult to accomplish. Nonetheless, on multiple prior occasions the task has been accomplished by cooperating counsel.

As should be expected, the Judges presumed that the parties and their counsel would act professionally and cooperate in this proceeding. The Settling Devotional Claimants have not. In order to accommodate the Judges' scheduling order, and provide a schedule on which all parties could rely, Multigroup Claimants ("MC") proposed a discovery schedule to the SDC that was consistent with discovery timelines agreed to in prior proceedings. MC made the proposal *prior* to the submission of written direct statements, on December 21, 2017, and the SDC simply did not respond. See **Exhibit A**. Following the aforementioned order consolidating proceedings and moving the filing date for written direct statements from December 22, 2017 to December 29, 2017, MC revised the proposal in order to extend all the proposed dates by an additional week,

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and *again* submitted the proposed discovery schedule. See **Exhibit B**. Even prior to seeing MC's written direct statement, the SDC declined to agree, and already anticipating its intent to not cooperate with discovery in this proceeding, the SDC refused to propose an alternative to MC's proactive proposal.1 Id.

As reflected in MC's discovery requests, response to the requests was due on January 15, 2018. Notwithstanding, the SDC failed to file its *Motion to Quash* until January 24, 2018, significantly beyond the response due date, and almost halfway through the defined discovery period scheduled to conclude March 1, 2018.

As the SDC is well aware:

"The producing party does not make a judgment call regarding what evidence might be probative, persuasive, or admissible. If the producing party has evidence that it wishes to withhold—for whatever reason—the producing party must file a motion to obtain relief from its discovery obligation, most often in the form of a motion to quash the discovery request in general or in some particular. Determination of what evidence is admissible and what evidence is probative, and a decision on what weight the evidence might have, is solidly in the purview of the triers of fact. Further, whether a receiving party is prejudiced by a failure to produce discovery is irrelevant to the issue of a party's duty to produce discovery."

Docket no. 2012-6 CRB CD 2004-2009 (Phase II), Docket no. 2012-7 CRB SD 1999-2009 (Phase II), *Order on IPG Motions for Modification* (April 9, 2015) (emphasis added).

The foregoing text reflects the very basis on which the Judges not only refused to recognize objections asserted by IPG in good faith, but *sanctioned* IPG for not affirmatively

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<sup>1</sup> The basis provided by the SDC to refusing to agree to a discovery schedule was its ostensible need to first see MC's written direct statement. Nonetheless, in all prior proceedings, discovery schedules were proposed and agreed upon between the parties *prior* to the filing of written direct statements. That is, the SDC never previously insisted that a discovery schedule was predicated on first seeing an adversary party's written direct statement.

moving that the discovery requests of which IPG took issue be stricken or modified. Id. Here, the SDC has effectively failed to file a motion to quash by untimely filing its *Motion to Quash*, pushing briefing and resolution well into the defined discovery period. Even if MC were to immediately receive the SDC production, its review will be unnecessarily rushed and prejudiced.

Comparable treatment in this instance requires not only that the SDC's objections to MC's discovery requests be disregarded, but that an equally formidable sanction issue against the SDC for its bad faith refusal to participate in discovery, i.e., the striking of multiple claims. As precedent reflects, the discovery sanction issued against IPG that was the basis of the ruling above lessened IPG's claim in the devotional programming category from an average of 30.5% of eleven satellite royalty pools to 2% of such pools, and an average of 25.15% of six cable royalty pools to 10.2% of such pools, according to IPG's adversary the SDC.2 Under the methodologies presented by IPG, the consequence was even more significant.

What is before the Judges, therefore, is a circumstance in which the SDC has filed a motion to quash based on an argument that is not only logically indefensible, but is without legal precedent *and* runs contrary to what has occurred in prior proceedings in which the SDC was a firsthand participant. In order to push its indefensible argument along, the SDC has misrepresented the law to the Judges, and mischaracterized MC's ability to engage in the rebuttal phase of the proceedings as "a presentation of a methodology of Multigroup Claimants' own

<sup>2</sup> *Cf.* SDC Written Direct Statement, Test. of J. Sanders (filed July 8, 2014) (avg. satellite royalty of 30.5%) and SDC Written Direct Statement, Test. of J. Sanders (filed July 8, 2014) (avg. cable royalty of 25.15%) *with* SDC Written Direct Statement (remand proceedings), Testimony of John Sanders at p. 16 (filed August 22, 2016) (avg. cable royalty of 10.2%, avg. satellite royalty of 2%).

making". Taken in the context of the SDC's clearly reflected intent to not engage in discovery at all, the SDC's motion to quash is revealed for exactly what it is - a bad faith refusal to partake in these proceedings.

B. THE SDC'S MOTION TO QUASH MULTIGROUP CLAIMANTS' DISCOVERY RESTS PRIMARILY ON THE JUDGES' RULING ON THE "JOINT MOTION TO STRIKE MULTIGROUP CLAIMANTS' WRITTEN DIRECT STATEMENT". THE SDC PURPOSELY MISCITES CRB REGULATIONS, AND THE SDC HAS ENGAGED IN SUBSTANTIALLY SIMILAR ACTS, WITH NO CONSEQUENCE TO THE CLAIMS OF THE SDC, NO CONSEQUENCE TO A SDC'S ENGAGEMENT IN DISCOVERY OR REBUTTAL, AND THE SDC MISREPRESENTED SUCH FACTS TO THE JUDGES.

The SDC previously moved to strike MC's Written Direct Statement in the above proceedings, and dismiss all MC-represented claims for 2010-2013. As is immediately apparent, the primary basis of the SDC's *Motion to Quash Discovery of Multigroup Claimants* rests on the outcome of that previously-submitted motion.

No different than the MPAA motion to quash filed a week prior to the SDC motion, the SDC believe that the Judges are not sufficiently astute to recognize the SDC's gross mischaracterization of MC's written direct statement. That insulting fact is the only reasonable explanation for the SDC's repeated statement that MC "did not file" a written direct statement. For risk of being repetitive of the arguments set forth in MC's *Opposition to Motion to Strike the Written Direct Statement of Multigroup Claimants*, MC *has* filed a written direct statement in the distribution phase, *has* included all of the required elements, and *has* identified the distribution methodologies to which it will accept.

Nonetheless, the SDC add one novel argument. While "incorporating by reference" the arguments set forth in the jointly submitted *Motion to Strike*, the SDC add that MC's written

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direct statement "admits" that MC did not believe that its provisional claim to 100% of the devotional programming fund "was likely to have evidentiary support", an ostensible violation of "37 C.F.R. § 350.6(e)(3)". According to the SDC, this requires the Judges to altogether disregard MC's percentage claim, and create the fiction that MC's written direct statement contained no percentage claim, which is a requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 351.4(b). *Ergo*, according to the SDC, MC "did not file" a written direct statement.

The only "admission" to be made by Multigroup Claimants and its counsel is the frustration of having to repeatedly deal with the bad faith arguments, misrepresentations, omissions, and hypocritical positions taken by the SDC and its counsel, which recently warranted the filing of a *Motion for Admonition* against the SDC and its counsel in the 2000-2003 cable proceedings (Phase II remand). First, there is no "37 C.F.R. § 350.6(e)(3)" in the CRB regulations, and the SDC's misdirection to a non-existent provision gives pause to consider whether such cite was for the ulterior motive of avoiding scrutiny of the provision that *should* have been cited by the SDC. Section 350.6(e)(1)(iii) of the regulations states, in part, that:

"The signature of an attorney [on a pleading] constitutes certification that the contents of the document are true and correct, to the best of the signer's knowledge, information, and belief, formed after an inquiry reasonable under the circumstances and:

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(iii) The allegations and other factual contentions have evidentiary support or, if specifically so identified, are likely to have evidentiary support after a reasonable opportunity for further investigation or discovery..."

37 C.F.R. § 350.6(e)(1)(iii) (emphasis added).

But again, the SDC and its counsel omit a highly relevant portion of a cited provision. But again, the SDC and its counsel make their argument only after misrepresenting MC's position. As was made clear in MC's written direct statement, MC had agreed to "accept the results of methodologies submitted by adverse parties in these proceedings", and:

"Pending review of the distribution methodologies advocated by other parties to these distribution proceedings, Multigroup Claimants makes claim to one-hundred percent (100%) of the royalties attributable to the devotional and program supplier categories, comparable to the claims for one-hundred percent of such royalties previously claimed by the Settling Devotional Claimants and the Motion Picture Association of America. Upon review and examination of any distribution methodologies submitted to the Judges, Multigroup Claimants reserves its right to revise its percentage claim according to 37 C.F.R. § 351.4(b)(3)."

Multigroup Claimants' Written Direct Statement (Dec. 29, 2017), Test. of R. Galaz at 3-4 (emphasis added).

Taken in context, no reasonable allegation can be made that MC or its counsel made a claim in a pleading that was *not likely to have evidentiary support after a reasonable opportunity* for further investigation or discovery, because the statement to which the SDC takes issue (the "100%" percentage claim) is specifically *subject to* the review of supporting evidence after a reasonable opportunity for further investigation or discovery.

In fact, because of the dilatory effort of the SDC, which has now taken the parties halfway through the discovery phase of these proceedings without an iota of substantiating documentation being produced by the SDC, *no one knows* what results would be rendered by application of the SDC (or MPAA) methodologies. Unless and until MC is allowed to review the data underlying

the SDC and MPAA methodologies, MC's percentage claim to 100% of the devotional programming category stands.3

While the SDC argue that *all* discovery should be quashed because of the alleged deficiency of MC's written direct statement, it should be noted that Multigroup Claimants has come across additional evidence relevant to the SDC's position. When Multigroup Claimants responded to the Joint Motion to Strike Written Direct Statement of Multigroup Claimants, filed by the MPAA and the SDC, Multigroup Claimants was able to identify at least one proceeding in which the SDC presented no distribution methodology. Entering into the final distribution hearings in the 2000-2003 cable proceedings (Phase II), the SDC maintained that it was entitled "100%" of the devotional programming fund, despite the SDC not submitting any proposed distribution methodology, despite reviewing documents produced in discovery by IPG, and despite having failed in its challenge to the viability of claims of IPG-represented claimants. Notwithstanding, such fact did not affect the claims of the SDC under a competing party's methodology (IPG's), the SDC's ability to engage in discovery, or the SDC's entitlement to engage in rebuttal directed toward IPG's proposed methodology.4 Inexplicably, in a recent filing the MPAA argue that such situation is distinguishable because there are no pending claims challenges in this proceeding, ignoring the evident fact that the SDC's claim for "100%" of the

<sup>3</sup> The SDC further contended that MC's written direct statement was deficient because it did not present a "uniquely constructed" distribution methodology that was constructed by MC. See infra. As is clear from all statutes and regulations pertaining to the filing of written direct statements, no obligation exists to submit to *any* particular distribution methodology as part of any written direct statement, yet MC nonetheless did so. See 37 C.F.R. § 351.4(b).

<sup>4</sup> See Multigroup Claimants' Opposition the Joint Motion to Strike Written Direct Statement of Multigroup Claimants (Jan. 17, 2018), citing 2000-2003 cable proceeding (Phase II).

devotional programming royalties continued even after the SDC's claims challenges had failed.5

That is, there were no pending claims challenges in *that* proceeding when the SDC made claim for 100% of the royalties.

More analogous, however, Multigroup Claimants has identified yet *another* proceeding in which the SDC submitted no methodology yet remained a participant in the proceedings.

Different from the 2000-2003 cable proceeding (Phase II) referenced above, however the SDC affirmatively conceded to application of another party's methodology – *exactly as Multigroup*Claimants has done in this proceeding. See Distribution of the 2004 and 2005 Cable Royalty

Funds, 75 Fed. Reg. 57063, 57075 (Sept. 17, 2010). In fact, the SDC affirmatively advocated another party's methodology. Id.

Specifically, in the 2004-2005 cable proceeding (Phase I), the SDC advocated application of the JSC-sponsored Bortz survey, presenting no methodology of its own. In fact, the *only* testimony offered by the SDC was by witness Dr. William Brown, whose testimony was for the purpose of rationalizing the increase of devotional programming share under the JSC-presented Bortz survey since the 1990-1992 proceeding.6 Id. As reflected by the decision, the Judges found Dr. Brown's testimony to unsubstantiated opinion, totally lacking in any value.7

<sup>5</sup> See MPAA Reply in Support of Motion to Quash Multigroup Claimants Discovery Requests at 6 (Feb. 5, 2018).

<sup>6</sup> In a recent filing, the MPAA charitably characterize Mr. Brown's testimony as a "qualitative" analysis. See *MPAA Reply in Support of Motion to Quash Multigroup Claimants Discovery Requests* at 6 (Feb. 5, 2018). It was, by contrast, little more than subjective opinion that the SDC's share should be increased from a prior award – *under the Bortz survey*. See generally, *Distribution of the 2004 and 2005 Cable Royalty Funds*, 75 Fed. Reg. 57063, 57075 (Sept. 17, 2010) ("Devotional Claimants have consistently supported the JSC's cable operator valuations of

The existence of this example is poignant for several facts. First, the 2004-2005 cable decision makes abundantly clear that the SDC remained as a participant in the proceeding, engaged in discovery, engaged in the rebuttal process, and was awarded a share based on its claims – despite proffering no distribution methodology of its own. Second is the fact that both the SDC and the MPAA took part in such proceeding, including certain counsel of record for both parties in *this* proceeding. Consequently, the SDC and MPAA have sought to distort the precedent applicable to these proceedings despite firsthand knowledge that a party's advocacy of another party's methodology, without presentation of its own uniquely constructed methodology, has no consequence on the viability of claims, no consequence on the ability of such party to engage in discovery, and no consequence to a party's ability to engage in rebuttal of other party's methodologies. At a certain point, the Judges must accept that such is not mere advocacy, but a fraud on the Court, one that should not be taken lightly.8

the program categories throughout the history of their participation in these distribution proceedings. . . . ").

- 7 See *Distribution of the 2004 and 2005 Cable Royalty Funds*, 75 Fed. Reg. 57063, 57073-57075 (Sept. 17, 2010) ("The testimony offered [by Dr. William Brown on behalf of the SDC] regarding growth of devotional programming and avidity and loyalty of devotional viewers was anecdotal in nature and comprised largely of unsupported opinion.").
- 8 In fact, the SDC and MPAA previously made the *same* false representation in this very proceeding, asserting that they were unaware "in four decades" of an instance in which a party was able to participate in discovery and a proceeding without submitting its own distribution methodology. Multigroup Claimants directed the Judges to the fact that fewer than six months prior to the filing of this brief, in the 2000-2003 cable proceeding (Phase II), exactly such situation had occurred. See *Multigroup Claimants Opposition to Joint Motion to Quash Discovery Requests of Multigroup Claimants* at 3 (filed August 1, 2017). Nevertheless, the SDC (and MPAA) persist with their false representation that such has never occurred, though both are expressly aware of the contrary.

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In any event, although Multigroup Claimants would never advocate doing so, nothing prohibits a party from asserting a claimed percentage or dollar amount to a fund, then asserting that it is based on nothing more than the unsubstantiated opinion of a sponsoring witness. As noted in the example above, the SDC did *exactly* this in the 2004-2005 cable proceedings (Phase I) and, predictably, the results of such SDC "methodology" was found totally lacking in merit. Id. Nonetheless, such meritless methodology did not result in the dismissal of all SDC claims.9 Rather, it simply resulted in the Judges' adoption of an adversary's methodology.

Even ignoring (i) the SDC's knowing misrepresentation of the CRB regulations, and (ii) the SDC's knowing misrepresentation of precedent by ignoring no fewer than two proceedings in which the SDC has engaged in the *identical acts* of which the SDC now contends all Multigroup Claimant claims should be dismissed, an extraordinarily offensive aspect of the SDC motion is the SDC's repeated claim that Multigroup Claimants' exercise of its right to engage in the rebuttal phase of proceedings equates to Multigroup Claimants' presentation of its own uniquely constructed methodology:

"MGC apparently would like to present his own variation on the methodologies propounded by the other parties, disguised as "adjustments" and developed with the benefit of reviewing all of the evidence and testimony already put forth by the other parties. MGC's proposed sequencing of events would also allow MGC to avoid rebuttal testimony to be presented against his "adjusted" methodology, and avoid fullscale discovery into his methodology and case."

SDC motion at 3.

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<sup>9</sup> Ergo, in Multigroup Claimants' Opposition to Motion to Strike the Written Direct Statement of Multigroup Claimants, Multigroup Claimants observed that the moving parties would contend that even an outrageously dimwitted methodology would satisfy the requirements of a written direct statement, whereas acceding to a competing methodology would not.

Literally nowhere has Multigroup Claimants signaled an intent to "present its own variation on the methodologies propounded by the other parties." In fact, because the Judges have already made clear that they could select application of a distribution methodology that was presented as part of a *different* program category, 10 the discovery and "rebuttal" phase of these proceedings would inherently include Multigroup Claimants' receipt of the MPAA data for the program suppliers category, and application of such data and methodology to the devotional programming category, in order to consider the results, or vice-versa.

Still, despite this rather obvious application that was foretold by Multigroup Claimants *in its written direct statement*,11 the SDC argue that under the guise of "adjustments" Multigroup Claimants seeks to present its own uniquely constructed distribution methodology. As noted, Multigroup Claimants has not indicated any such intent, and *if* a day were to ever arrive when Multigroup Claimants did attempt to skirt the process for presentation of its own distribution methodology, *then* the Judges could dismiss such attempt at such time the same way they

<sup>10</sup> See Docket nos. 2012-6 CRB CD 2004-2009 (Phase II), 2012-7 CRB SD 1999-2009 (Phase II), *Amended Joint Order on Discovery Motions* (July 30, 2014), at p. 8:

<sup>&</sup>quot;The issue is not whether the Judges are "required" to apply a particular valuation methodology or whether a party can "insist" upon the application of a certain methodology. Rather, the statute directs the Judges to determine the distribution of royalties. See 17 U.S.C. §§ 111(d)(4), 119(b)(5). The Judges do so pursuant to a standard of "relative marketplace value." [citations omitted]. The Judges may utilize any party's methodology that they conclude best satisfies this standard, or any methodology that applies elements of the parties' various proposals and other factors that the Judges, in their discretion, may properly apply. Thus, it would be unlikely that the Judges would conclude, on the one hand, that a particular methodology presented in a particular category in a Phase II proceeding best satisfies the standard, but, on the other hand, refuse to apply that optimal methodology in a different Phase II category."

<sup>11</sup> See Multigroup Claimants Written Direct Statement, Test. of Raul Galaz at 4.

dismissed the SDC's attempted "trial by ambush" in the 2000-2003 cable proceedings. To date, however, this has not occurred, nor has Multigroup Claimants articulated any desire to present its own uniquely constructed distribution methodology.

C. THE SDC FALSELY EQUATE AGREEMENT TO A DISTRIBUTION METHODOLOGY TO CONCESSION THAT SUCH METHODOLOGY HAS BEEN ACCURATELY APPLIED. MULTIGROUP CLAIMANTS CANNOT CONFIRM THE RESULTS OF THE SDC METHODOLOGY WITHOUT PRODUCTION OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS, NOR OPINE WHICH OF THE ASSERTED METHODOLOGIES IS SUPERIOR.

In an attempt to foreclose *any* review of a broad swath of its supporting data, even to verify whether the SDC has accurately applied its own distribution methodology, the SDC put forth a sophomoric argument that acceptance of a stated methodology requires Multigroup Claimants to blindly accept the SDC's stated results of such methodology, regardless of what errors of application might exist.12 No authority exists for such a ruling, nor does common sense dictate limiting discovery to preclude verification that a party has accurately applied its own asserted methodology.

Multigroup Claimants was aptly aware of the methodologies that the SDC and MPAA intended to present in this proceeding, and no surprises presented themselves in connection

12 In recent correspondence amongst the parties, SDC counsel absurdly stated "how can you rebut a methodology that you have accepted". The obvious response is two-part. First, accepting a party's stated methodology is not the same as accepting the results that a party indicates were derived from such methodology. Second, at no point did Multigroup Claimants unqualifiedly accept the results of the SDC methodology. Rather, Multigroup Claimants acceded to the methodologies submitted by the SDC and the MPAA, without designating which it would support, and expressly stating that such accession was subject to confirmation of the data underlying such asserted methodologies. As such, SDC counsel's contention that Multigroup Claimants had unqualifiedly accepted the SDC methodology is simply fabrication.

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therewith. As should be obvious, however, even accepting another party's stated distribution methodology does not foreclose the possibility that the party has inaccurately applied its own stated methodology, or made a calculation or logic error that can be remedied. This fact is currently playing out in the 2010-2013 cable proceedings (allocation phase), wherein the MPAA expert witness (Dr. Gray) discovered an omission of WGNA data that significantly affected his presented results. Put in context, while a party could agree in principle to the methodology presented by Dr. Gray, one would not agree with Dr. Gray's stated results if Dr. Gray had erringly and unintentionally omitted a station of such extraordinary significance as WGNA.

Moreover, the SDC's argument ignores that the SDC's methodology *could* be applied to the distribution of royalties between Multigroup Claimants and the MPAA in the program suppliers category, and the MPAA's methodology *could* be applied to the distribution of royalties between Multigroup Claimants and the SDC in the devotional category. That is, Multigroup Claimants' accession to either distribution methodology does not mean that Multigroup Claimants has affirmatively elected either methodology for application to either programming category. Consequently, which of the two methodologies appears superior for application to the devotional programming category remains unclear, and can only be clarified after production of data underlying those methodologies.

Despite these rather obvious facts, the SDC seek to preclude its obligation to respond to thirty-seven (37) document requests going toward the data that the SDC must produce in order to *merely* substantiate application of its methodology.13 As the Judges are likely aware,

<sup>13</sup> The irony, of course, is the discomfort that the SDC finds with actually having to substantiate its results. Most parties would desire the opposite, i.e., to demonstrate how

"adjustments" to methodologies have been commonplace in the distribution proceedings, with the CRB and its predecessors adjusting percentage awards upwards or downwards based on identified errors in calculation or logic.14 Precluding discovery to avoid any challenge that an "adjustment" must be made simply denies this historical fact.

In the end, the SDC's objection is revealed for its true nature, a concern that its results are misstated and/or inferior to the methodology submitted by the MPAA, and its attempt to hide such revelation by avoiding any opportunity for any party to scrutinize such data.

# D. THE SDC IS OBLIGATED TO PRODUCE ITS ALLOCATION PHASE DISCOVERY MATERIALS.

The SDC choose to re-litigate an issue already addressed in this proceeding, in order to deny Multigroup Claimants access to documents and information developed by the SDC and/or received by the SDC from any party, in connection with the allocation phase of these proceedings.

On August 11, 2017, the Judges issued an order denying Multigroup Claimants' ability to received allocation phase materials *at that particular point in time*. Nonetheless, the Judges stated:

"CRB rules, and the Judges' scheduling order in this proceeding, permit the parties to propound discovery requests following the filing of WDSs (MGC has, in fact, already done so). To the extent any materials exchanged during allocation phase discovery are responsive to MGC's post-WDS-D discovery requests for "nonprivileged underlying documents related to" the other parties' WDS-Ds, MGC will receive those materials in due course. 37 C.F.R. § 351.6. MGC would then be permitted to amend its WDS to account for any "new material received

accurately its asserted methodology has been reflected by its stated results. Not the SDC, whose anxiety about such matter seeks to avoid any review that might demonstrate error on its part.

14 See, e.g., *Distribution of the 2004 and 2005 Cable Royalty Funds*, 75 Fed. Reg. 57063 (Sept. 17, 2010).

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during the discovery process"—including any material that may have been exchanged among other parties during allocation phase discovery. 37 C.F.R. § 351.4(c)."

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Proceedings Following Resolution of Pending Motions at 4 (Aug. 11, 2017).

Indeed, as is clear from the CRB regulations, in order to introduce into evidence any study or analyses, a party is obligated to identify any "alternative courses of action considered". Consequently, any information *known* to be in the possession of a party prior to construction of their study design is appropriate subject matter for discovery.

(e) Introduction of studies and analyses. If studies or analyses are offered in evidence, they shall state clearly the study plan, the principles and methods underlying the study, all relevant assumptions, all variables considered in the analysis, the techniques of data collection, the techniques of estimation and testing, and the results of the study's actual estimates and tests presented in a format commonly accepted within the relevant field of expertise implicated by the study. The facts and judgments upon which conclusions are based shall be stated clearly, together with any alternative courses of action considered. Summarized descriptions of input data, tabulations of input data and the input data themselves shall be retained.

37 C.F.R. § 351.10(e) (emphasis added).

Moreover, a comparison between the information relied on by a party's expert witness in the design of their methodology with the relevant information that is in the party's hands, is made relevant by the Judges' prior rulings as to what influence a party has hand on their expert witness' construction of a methodology. In the 1998-1999 cable proceeding (Phase II), the Judges held that Independent Producers Group ("IPG") had "straitjacketed" its witness Laura

Robinson by not providing her extensive data produced by Nielsen Media Research.15 In that instance, IPG did not have the Nielsen data. In this instance, the SDC is being asked to produce data that is *known* to be in its possession, including the *identical* type of Nielsen data for which the Judges found IPG to have "straitjacketed" its witness by not providing. As made clear by the Judges' ruling, what is relevant is not merely the information that a party relied on, but the information that was in that party's possession that they had the opportunity to rely on. Quite simply, there is no basis for distinguishing the information the SDC seeks to avoid producing, and because the SDC is *known* to possess the information, the argument for requiring production is even more compelling.

Moreover, a basis of comparison to prior discovery orders is appropriate. Section 351.6 of the CRB regulations states that "parties may request of an opposing party nonprivileged underlying documents related to the written exhibits and testimony". Such provision is the basis for any discovery request. In the course of distribution proceedings, Multigroup Claimants' predecessor (IPG) has been required to produce "employment agreements" between their represented claimants and their employees, and been sanctioned for not producing a ten-year old email already in the possession of the requesting party and already twice introduced into evidence before the Judges that, according to the Judges, reflected an "attempted termination" of IPG's engagement (as opposed to an "actual termination" of engagement). None of those documents were considered by IPG-sponsored witnesses, as they had no legal effect on either the claimants' right to make claim, or IPG's engagement. Notwithstanding, *all* were deemed required to be

<sup>15</sup> *Distribution of 1998 and 1999 Cable Royalty Funds*, 80 Fed. Reg. 13423, at 13440 (March 13, 2015).

produced as being "underlying documents *related to* written exhibits and testimony" of IPG. Given the breadth of such interpretation by the Judges, Section 351.6 surely encompasses data *directly related* to the subject matter of the SDC's asserted methodology, that is *known* to be in the possession of the SDC, that was already produced to the SDC *in this very proceeding*. To deny such fact would be arbitrary.

# E. THE SDC REFUSE TO PRODUCE ANY DOCUMENTS UNDERLYING DESIGNATED TESTIMONY, CITING NO LEGAL BASIS THEREFOR.

As noted in its motion, the SDC has refused to produce any documents underlying the designated testimony of Toby Berlin. The only asserted basis for such refusal – Ms. Berlin's testimony is "designated".

No legal authority is cited by the SDC for this objection and, apparently, the SDC are under the misimpression that because testimony is "designated", it is immune from challenge. Such is not the case, nor even rational. The SDC summarily argue that "a requirement to produce documents underlying testimony designated from a prior proceeding would be unwieldy", but there is literally no showing that this would be the case for Ms. Berlin, nor does it make sense that the SDC would not have available the supporting documents.

In fact, the SDC argue that because such documents could have been subject to discovery in a prior proceeding by the parties to such proceeding, they are no longer subject to discovery in the immediate proceeding. As the Judges are aware, designated testimony is not limited to submission adverse to a party that was previously a party where the designated testimony occurred. Consequently, according to the SDC, even if the designated testimony occurred in a proceeding to which the requesting party was not involved, the requesting party would be

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foreclosed from challenging any of the assumptions or conclusions of the designated testimony witness. No authority or logic warrants granting such "free pass" to designated testimony.

As often occurs, information is revealed about witnesses that is not immediately apparent, nor necessarily revealed in prior proceedings. For example, as a result of the Judges' questioning of an SDC witness in the consolidated 2004-2009 cable/1999-2009 satellite proceeding, it was revealed that such witness (Mr. John Sanders) had not *on a single occasion during his career* been involved in the valuation of retransmitted programming, the subject for which he was engaged to opine. Nor had Mr. Sanders reviewed any testimony by witnesses whose entire decades-long careers were in the cable industry, and whose opinions on the identical matters were perfectly contrary. According to the SDC, discovery concerning these relevant facts, revealed in the course of hearings and long after the conclusion of discovery in the prior proceeding, would not capable of discovery for no other reason than that the witness' prior testimony is "designated".

The gist of the SDC argument is that a collateral attack on the credibility (or conclusions) of a designated testimony witness would be "unworkable". SDC motion at 6. On the contrary, if a party desires the ease of not having to produce a witness, and the benefits of not having to subject that witness to cross-examination, such benefit is not absolute. That is, it does not insulate such designated testimony from scrutiny or challenge. Common sense renders such conclusion, and no legal authority in the CRB regulations allowing the designation of testimony from a prior proceeding would suggest otherwise.

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## F. THE SDC REFUSE TO PRODUCE ANY DOCUMENTS RELATING TO PRIOR ANALYSES BY THE SDC.

As noted, previously, CRB regulations expressly provide that in order to introduce into evidence any study or analyses, a party is obligated to identify any "alternative courses of action considered". See Section C, supra, citing 37 C.F.R. § 351.10(e). Multigroup Claimants has therefor sought to inquire regarding any modifications to the SDC methodology and results from prior incarnations thereof, all of which is freely discoverable as "alternative courses of action" considered by the SDC. Regardless of whether the SDC constructed an alternative course of action and memorialized it in a withdrawn written direct statement, such alternative course of action existed, and is therefor fodder for discovery.

Interestingly, the SDC immediately recognized the contradiction between its objection to Multigroup Claimants' discovery request in this proceeding, and the SDC's discovery request from IPG in the consolidated 2004-2009 cable/1999-2009 satellite proceedings. The SDC's attempt to distinguish the situations is ostensibly based on the "multiple unexplained substantial changes in the proposed awards and the computations underlying [the IPG expert's testimony]", yet such documents would have been discoverable *regardless* of whether there were "unexplained substantial changes", as the SDC allege. In fact, IPG did not object to such production, and freely produced such documents, as is required.

If the SDC seek to introduce into evidence its study or analysis, it must reveal all "alternative courses of action" considered. On what basis documents underlying such alternatives would not be discoverable is unstated by the SDC for the obvious reason that no legal or rational basis exists for the wholesale exclusion of such information from discovery.

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# G. THE SDC SEEK TO AVOID RESPONSE TO BOILERPLATE UNOBJECTIONABLE DISCOVERY REQUESTS.

As its final challenge, the SDC seek to prohibit its obligation to respond to Multigroup Claimants' discovery requests numbers 6 and 28, characterizing them as hopelessly vague.

Allegedly, the requests fail to "[address] the SDC to any meaningful or identifiable limitation, topic, or set of documents."

Unlike its prior challenges, the SDC conveniently fail to recite the challenged requests, which are as follows:

- 6) Any and all documents relied on by John Sanders in order to form the statements and opinions expressed in his testimony, including but not limited to documents that would tend to undermine, deny, dispute, limit, or qualify any of the statements and opinions expressed in his testimony.
- 28) Any and all documents relied on by Erkan Erdem in order to form the statements and opinions expressed in his testimony, including but not limited to documents that would tend to undermine, deny, dispute, limit, or qualify any of the statements and opinions expressed in his testimony.

As should be immediately apparent, the discovery requests are sufficiently limited to the SDC witnesses' testimony *in this proceeding*, and request all documents relied on by the witness. Moreover, such requests are *verbatim* the form of requests posed by the SDC in prior proceedings. Certainly, the SDC's witnesses are aware of what documents they relied on in order to form their testimony, and are aware of what documents undermine their testimony. Consequently, the SDC's challenge was based on nothing more than an attempt to mischaracterize the discovery requests as hopelessly vague, and hope that the Judges did not actually review the discovery requests appearing as an exhibit to the SDC motion, all in order to avoid production of documents that undermine the witness testimony.

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Such discovery requests are boilerplate, unobjectionable, and reasonably limited. No basis exists for quashing such requests.

#### CONCLUSION

Multigroup Claimants timely propounded discovery requiring response from the SDC no later than January 15, 2018. SDC motion, Exhibit A. Notwithstanding, the SDC did not file its pending *Motion to Quash* until January 24, 2018. At this point, the parties are more than halfway through the defined discovery period, which is scheduled to conclude on March 1, 2018. The SDC's strategic dilatory tactic, made by misrepresenting the law and processes that this panel of Judges has previously required be followed, will unduly prejudice Multigroup Claimants far more than any act for which IPG has previously been sanctioned. The SDC is well aware of this fact, well aware of the consequences for refusing to engage in discovery, and the only proper remedy is to impose a discovery sanction on the SDC on par with that previously imposed on Multigroup Claimants' predecessor, IPG.

For the foregoing reasons, the SDC's motion to quash should be forthwith quashed, the SDC should be ordered to immediately produce all responsive documents, and an appropriate discovery sanction issued upon the SDC.

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MULTIGROUP CLAIMANTS' REPLY IN SUPPORT OF NOTICE OF CONSENT TO 2010-2013 CABLE AND SATELLITE SHARES PROPOSED BY SETTLING DEVOTIONAL CLAIMANTS, AND MOTION FOR ENTRY OF DISTRIBUTION ORDER

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PAR FOR THE COURSE, the Settling Devotional Claimants ("SDC") misrepresent the position previously taken by Multigroup Claimants in this proceeding in order to solicit a ruling that would be unwarranted. In the SDC's Response to MGC's Notice of Consent and Motion for Entry of Distribution Order, the SDC falsely represent that Multigroup Claimants has previously "accepted the reasonableness of the SDC's methodology" in this proceeding. According to the SDC, this position appeared in Multigroup Claimants' written direct statement at page 3 of the Testimony of Raul Galaz, which was filed at the same time that the SDC's proposed methodology was submitted.

First, the SDC omit a few choice words from Multigroup Claimants' written direct statement. As set forth in the testimony of Raul Galaz, "Multigroup Claimants has elected to accept *the results of methodologies* submitted by adverse parties in these proceedings".

Multigroup Claimants Written Direct Statement, Testimony of Raul Galaz (Dec. 29, 2017), at 3. As further set forth therein, the acceptance of such methodologies was subject to verification of the accuracy of the purported results, and the reasonableness of such application. Such is a far cry from agreeing to the "reasonableness" of the methodologies. Indeed, Multigroup Claimants made clear in the sentences immediately following that "the Judges may elect to apply a distribution methodology that was originally submitted in one category in order to dictate the results in another category", making clear that the reasonableness of application had not been accepted by Multigroup Claimants. Id. at 4.

In fact, Multigroup Claimants was incapable of fully assessing the reasonableness of application. This is because the SDC's methodology is incapable of being applied to the

program suppliers category (because the supporting evidence is limited only to certain devotional programming), and the MPAA methodology is incapable of application to the devotional category because of the inability to run the electronic files produced in support thereof.

Regardless, the SDC's observation that "there is no record evidence of Multigroup Claimants challenging the accuracy or reasonableness" of the SDC's proposed methodology" does not transform Multigroup Claimants' position into a "concession" that the SDC's methodology is "accurate and reasonable". Nothing is farther from the truth.1

Moreover, the SDC is already aware that Multigroup Claimants rejects the reasonableness of the SDC methodology, per correspondence between the parties that occurred only within the last few days. Conveniently omitted from the SDC's response is the fact that the parties discussed a stipulated acceptance of the SDC's proposed figures, but that the SDC refused to omit language that Multigroup Claimants accepted the reasonableness of the SDC methodology. In response to the SDC's proposed draft of a stipulation, counsel for Multigroup Claimants informed SDC counsel:

"No Matt. We agree to the figure and that there is no need to address the distribution methodology, but categorically not to the reasonableness of the distribution methodology. If you modify that motion accordingly, it can be a joint stipulation."

See Exhibit A (July 10, 2018 email).

<sup>1</sup> Multigroup Claimants' predecessor, Independent Producers Group, most recently challenged a philosophically identical SDC methodology in the 1999-2009 satellite, 2004-2009 cable proceedings.

Multigroup Claimants *Notice of Consent* is clear. It accepts the *results* proposed by the SDC. No statement therein, nor any actions taken by Multigroup Claimants, can be distorted into a concession or commentary on the SDC methodology.

#### **CONCLUSION**

For the reasons set forth above, the percentage allocations set forth above should be adopted, and the final distribution order should be entered in the form submitted by Multigroup Claimants.

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Subject: RE: Multigroup Claimants' Written Rebuttal Statement 2010-2013

**Date:** Jul 10, 2018 2:27 PM

No Matt. We agree to the figure and that there is no need to address the distribution methodology, but categorically not to the reasonableness of the distribution methodology. If you modify that motion accordingly, it can be a joint stipulation.

Brian

Fill in this information to identify your case:		
United States Bankruptcy Court for the:		
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA	-	
Case number (if known)	Chapter you are filing under:	
	Chapter 7	
	☐ Chapter 11	
	☐ Chapter 12	
	☐ Chapter 13	Check if this an amended filing

## Official Form 101

## Voluntary Petition for Individuals Filing for Bankruptcy

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The bankruptcy forms use you and Debtor 1 to refer to a debtor filing alone. A married couple may file a bankruptcy case together—called a *joint case*—and in joint cases, these forms use you to ask for information from both debtors. For example, if a form asks, "Do you own a car," the answer would be yes if either debtor owns a car. When information is needed about the spouses separately, the form uses *Debtor 1* and *Debtor 2* to distinguish between them. In joint cases, one of the spouses must report information as *Debtor 1* and the other as *Debtor 2*. The same person must be *Debtor 1* in all of the forms.

Be as complete and accurate as possible. If two married people are filing together, both are equally responsible for supplying correct information. If more space is needed, attach a separate sheet to this form. On the top of any additional pages, write your name and case number (if known). Answer every question.

Par	t 1: Identify Yourself			
		About Debtor 1:	About Debtor 2 (Spouse Only in a Joint Case):	
1.	Your full name			
	Write the name that is on	Alfredo	Lois	_
	your government-issued picture identification (for	First name	First name	
	example, your driver's license or passport).	Carlos Paul	May	_
		Middle name	Middle name	
	Bring your picture identification to your meeting with the trustee.	Galaz Last name and Suffix (Sr., Jr., II, III)	Galaz Last name and Suffix (Sr., Jr., II, III)	_
2.	All other names you have used in the last 8 years Include your married or maiden names.	Alfred Galaz, Jr. Alfredo Raul Galaz		
3.	Only the last 4 digits of your Social Security number or federal Individual Taxpayer Identification number (ITIN)	xxx-xx-7195	xxx-xx-7825	

Alfredo Carlos Paul Galaz Debtor 1 Debtor 2 **Lois May Galaz** Case number (if known) About Debtor 1: About Debtor 2 (Spouse Only in a Joint Case): Any business names and  $\hfill \square$  I have not used any business name or EINs. **Employer Identification** Numbers (EIN) you have I have not used any business name or EINs. **FDBA Segundo Suenos LLC** used in the last 8 years **FDBA Worldwide Subsidy** Include trade names and Business name(s) Business name(s) doing business as names EINs **EINs** Where you live If Debtor 2 lives at a different address: 3901 West Vandalia Street Broken Arrow, OK 74012 Number, Street, City, State & ZIP Code Number, Street, City, State & ZIP Code Tulsa County County If your mailing address is different from the one If Debtor 2's mailing address is different from yours, fill it above, fill it in here. Note that the court will send any in here. Note that the court will send any notices to this notices to you at this mailing address. mailing address.

 Why you are choosing this district to file for bankruptcy Check one:

Over the last 180 days before filing this petition,
 I have lived in this district longer than in any other district.

Number, P.O. Box, Street, City, State & ZIP Code

☐ I have another reason. Explain. (See 28 U.S.C. § 1408.) Check one:

 Over the last 180 days before filing this petition, I have lived in this district longer than in any other district.

Number, P.O. Box, Street, City, State & ZIP Code

☐ I have another reason. Explain. (See 28 U.S.C. § 1408.)

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	otor 1 otor 2	Alfredo Carlos Pau Lois May Galaz	ul Galaz				Case number (if known)			
Par	rt 2:	Tell the Court About \	our Banl	cruntey Ca	ise.					
7.	The	chapter of the ruptcy Code you are	Check or	Check one. (For a brief description of each, see Notice Required by 11 U.S.C. § 342(b) for Individuals Filing for Ban (Form 2010)). Also, go to the top of page 1 and check the appropriate box.						
		sing to file under	_	Chapter 7						
			☐ Chap							
			☐ Chap							
			☐ Chap							
			ш Спар	ilei 13						
8.	How	you will pay the fee	ab or	I will pay the entire fee when I file my petition. Please check with the clerk's office in your local court for more details about how you may pay. Typically, if you are paying the fee yourself, you may pay with cash, cashier's check, or money order. If your attorney is submitting your payment on your behalf, your attorney may pay with a credit card or check with a pre-printed address.						
					<b>the fee in installmen</b> te in Installments (Offici		otion, sign and attach the Application for Individuals to Pay			
			□ I re	equest that t is not req	nt my fee be waived (Y uired to, waive your fee	ou may request this opte, and may do so only if	tion only if you are filing for Chapter 7. By law, a judge may, your income is less than 150% of the official poverty line that in installments). If you choose this option, you must fill out			
							fficial Form 103B) and file it with your petition.			
9.		you filed for ruptcy within the	■ No.							
		years?	☐ Yes.							
				District		When	Case number	_		
				District			Case number			
				District		When	Case number			
10.		iny bankruptcy	■ No							
	filed not fi you,	s pending or being by a spouse who is ling this case with or by a business ler, or by an ate?	☐ Yes.							
				Debtor			Relationship to you			
				District		When	Case number, if known			
				Debtor			Relationship to you	_		
				District		When	Case number, if known	_		
11.	•	ou rent your ence?	■ No.	Go to I	ine 12.					
			☐ Yes.	Has yo	our landlord obtained ar	n eviction judgment agai	inst you?			
					No. Go to line 12.					
					Yes. Fill out <i>Initial Sta</i> this bankruptcy petitio		on Judgment Against You (Form 101A) and file it as part of			

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	otor 1 Alfredo Carlos Pa otor 2 Lois May Galaz	ul Galaz			Case number (if known)		
Par	Report About Any Bu	Isinesses	You Own as	a Sole Proprie	tor		
12.	Are you a sole proprietor of any full- or part-time business?	□ No.	Go to Pa	rt 4.			
		Yes.	Name an	d location of bus	siness		
	A sole proprietorship is a business you operate as		Sole Pr	oprietorship			
	an individual, and is not a separate legal entity such			business, if any			
	as a corporation, partnership, or LLC.  If you have more than one			3901 West Vandalia Street Broken Arrow, OK 74012			
	sole proprietorship, use a separate sheet and attach		Number,	Street, City, Sta	te & ZIP Code		
	it to this petition.		Check th	e appropriate bo	ox to describe your business:		
			□ н	ealth Care Busi	ness (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(27A))		
			□ s	ingle Asset Rea	Estate (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(51B))		
			□ s	tockbroker (as c	lefined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(53A))		
				ommodity Broke	er (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(6))		
			<del></del>	one of the abov	e		
13.	Are you filing under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code and are you a small business debtor?	If you are filing under Chapter 11, the court must know whether you are a small business debtor so that it can set appropriate deadlines. If you indicate that you are a small business debtor, you must attach your most recent balance sheet, statement of operations, cash-flow statement, and federal income tax return or if any of these documents do not exist, follow the procedure in 11 U.S.C. 1116(1)(B).					
	For a definition of small	■ No.	I am not	iling under Cha	pter 11.		
	business debtor, see 11 U.S.C. § 101(51D).	□ No.	I am filing Code.	under Chapter	11, but I am NOT a small business debtor according to the definition in the Bankruptcy		
		☐ Yes.	I am filing	under Chapter	11 and I am a small business debtor according to the definition in the Bankruptcy Code.		
Par	t 4: Report if You Own or	Have An	/ Hazardous	Property or An	y Property That Needs Immediate Attention		
	Do you own or have any	■ No.			, <del></del>		
	property that poses or is alleged to pose a threat	☐ Yes.					
	of imminent and	⊔ Yes.	What is the	hazard?			
	identifiable hazard to public health or safety?						
	Or do you own any		If immediate	e attention is			
	property that needs immediate attention?			y is it needed?			
	For example, do you own perishable goods, or livestock that must be fed, or a building that needs urgent repairs?		Where is the	e property?			
					Number, Street, City, State & Zip Code		

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Debtor 1 Alfredo Carlos Paul Galaz
Debtor 2 Lois May Galaz Case number (if known)

Part 5:

Explain Your Efforts to Receive a Briefing About Credit Counseling

#### Tell the court whether you have received a briefing about credit counseling.

The law requires that you receive a briefing about credit counseling before you file for bankruptcy. You must truthfully check one of the following choices. If you cannot do so, you are not eligible to file.

If you file anyway, the court can dismiss your case, you will lose whatever filing fee you paid, and your creditors can begin collection activities again.

#### **About Debtor 1:**

You must check one:

I received a briefing from an approved credit counseling agency within the 180 days before I filed this bankruptcy petition, and I received a certificate of completion.

Attach a copy of the certificate and the payment plan, if any, that you developed with the agency.

I received a briefing from an approved credit counseling agency within the 180 days before I filed this bankruptcy petition, but I do not have a certificate of completion.

Within 14 days after you file this bankruptcy petition, you MUST file a copy of the certificate and payment plan, if any.

I certify that I asked for credit counseling services from an approved agency, but was unable to obtain those services during the 7 days after I made my request, and exigent circumstances merit a 30-day temporary waiver of the requirement.

To ask for a 30-day temporary waiver of the requirement, attach a separate sheet explaining what efforts you made to obtain the briefing, why you were unable to obtain it before you filed for bankruptcy, and what exigent circumstances required you to file this case.

Your case may be dismissed if the court is dissatisfied with your reasons for not receiving a briefing before you filed for bankruptcy. If the court is satisfied with your reasons, you must still receive a briefing within 30 days after you file. You must file a certificate from the approved agency, along with a copy of the payment plan you developed, if any. If you do not do so, your case may be dismissed.

Any extension of the 30-day deadline is granted only for cause and is limited to a maximum of 15 days.

I am not required to receive a briefing about credit counseling because of:

#### ☐ Incapacity.

I have a mental illness or a mental deficiency that makes me incapable of realizing or making rational decisions about finances.

#### ] Disability.

My physical disability causes me to be unable to participate in a briefing in person, by phone, or through the internet, even after I reasonably tried to do so.

#### ☐ Active duty.

I am currently on active military duty in a military combat zone.

If you believe you are not required to receive a briefing about credit counseling, you must file a motion for waiver credit counseling with the court.

About Debtor 2 (Spouse Only in a Joint Case):

You must check one:

I received a briefing from an approved credit counseling agency within the 180 days before I filed this bankruptcy petition, and I received a certificate of completion.

Attach a copy of the certificate and the payment plan, if any, that you developed with the agency.

☐ I received a briefing from an approved credit counseling agency within the 180 days before I filed this bankruptcy petition, but I do not have a certificate of completion.

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#### ☐ Disability.

My physical disability causes me to be unable to participate in a briefing in person, by phone, or through the internet, even after I reasonably tried to do so.

#### ☐ Active duty.

I am currently on active military duty in a military combat zone.

If you believe you are not required to receive a briefing about credit counseling, you must file a motion for waiver of credit counseling with the court.

	tor 1 Alfredo Carlos Pa tor 2 Lois May Galaz	ul Galaz		C	case numb	ber (if known)		
Part	6: Answer These Questi	ions for R	eporting Purposes					
16. What kind of debts do you have?  16. What kind of debts do you have?  16. What kind of debts do individual primarily consumer debts? Consumer debts are defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(8) as "incurred individual primarily for a personal, family, or household purpose."						efined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(8) as "incurred by an		
	,		☐ No. Go to line 16b.	iai,, or incuberiora parp				
			Yes. Go to line 17.					
		16b.	Are your debts primarily business debts? Business debts are debts that you incurred to obtain money for a business or investment or through the operation of the business or investment.					
			☐ No. Go to line 16c.	- ,				
			☐ Yes. Go to line 17.					
		16c.	State the type of debts you owe the	at are not consumer debts	s or busine	ess debts		
17.	Are you filing under Chapter 7?	□ No.	I am not filing under Chapter 7. Go	to line 18.				
	Do you estimate that after any exempt property is excluded and	■ Yes.	I am filing under Chapter 7. Do you are paid that funds will be available			operty is excluded and administrative expenses rs?		
	administrative expenses are paid that funds will		■ No					
	be available for distribution to unsecured creditors?		Yes					
18.	How many Creditors do	<b>1</b> -49		<b>1</b> ,000-5,000		<b>1</b> 25,001-50,000		
	you estimate that you owe?	□ 50-99		☐ 5001-10,000 ☐ 40,004,05,000		50,001-100,000		
		☐ 100-1 ☐ 200-9		☐ 10,001-25,000		☐ More than100,000		
19.	How much do you	□ \$0 - \$	550,000	□ \$1,000,001 - \$10 mill	lion	□ \$500,000,001 - \$1 billion		
	estimate your assets to be worth?		01 - \$100,000	□ \$10,000,001 - \$50 m		□ \$1,000,000,001 - \$10 billion		
			001 - \$500,000 001 - \$1 million	□ \$50,000,001 - \$100 million □ \$100,000,001 - \$500 million		☐ \$10,000,000,001 - \$50 billion☐ More than \$50 billion		
20.	How much do you	□ \$0 - \$	550,000	□ \$1,000,001 - \$10 mill	lion	☐ \$500,000,001 - \$1 billion		
	estimate your liabilities to be?	\$50,0	001 - \$100,000	□ \$10,000,001 - \$50 million		□ \$1,000,000,001 - \$10 billion		
			001 - \$500,000 001 - \$1 million	□ \$50,000,001 - \$100 r □ \$100,000,001 - \$500		☐ \$10,000,000,001 - \$50 billion ☐ More than \$50 billion		
Part	7: Sign Below							
For	you	I have ex	camined this petition, and I declare u	inder penalty of perjury that	at the info	ormation provided is true and correct.		
If I have chosen to file under Chapter 7, I am aware that I may proceed United States Code. I understand the relief available under each chapter If no attorney represents me and I did not pay or agree to pay someon document, I have obtained and read the notice required by 11 U.S.C. §								
						not an attorney to help me fill out this		
		I request	relief in accordance with the chapte	er of title 11, United States	Code, sp	pecified in this petition.		
			cy case can result in fines up to \$25			y or property by fraud in connection with a 0 years, or both. 18 U.S.C. §§ 152, 1341, 1519,		
			edo Carlos Paul Galaz		s May G			
			Carlos Paul Galaz e of Debtor 1		lay Gala: ire of Debt			
		Executed	d on <b>May 24, 2019</b>	Execute	ed on <b>M</b>	lay 24, 2019		
			MM / DD / YYYY			IM / DD / YYYY		

Debtor 1 Alfredo Carlos Pa Debtor 2 Lois May Galaz	ul Galaz	Case number (if known)			
For your attorney, if you are represented by one	under Chapter 7, 11, 12, or 13 of title 11, Unite for which the person is eligible. I also certify t	ed States Code, and have ex that I have delivered to the d	informed the debtor(s) about eligibility to proceed explained the relief available under each chapter ebtor(s) the notice required by 11 U.S.C. § 342(b)		
If you are not represented by an attorney, you do not need to file this page.	and, in a case in which § 707(b)(4)(D) applies schedules filed with the petition is incorrect.	s, certify that I have no knowl	ledge after an inquiry that the information in the		
	/s/ Ron D. Brown OBA	Date	May 24, 2019		
	Signature of Attorney for Debtor		MM / DD / YYYY		
	Ron D. Brown OBA 16352				
	Printed name				
	Brown Law Firm PC				
	Firm name				
	715 S. Elgin Ave.				
	Tulsa, OK 74120				
	Number, Street, City, State & ZIP Code				
	Contact phone <b>918-585-9500</b>	Email address	ron@ronbrownlaw.com		
	OBA 16352 OK				
	Bar number & State				

Fill	in this information to identify your case:		
Del	otor 1 Alfredo Carlos Paul Galaz		
Dal	First Name Middle Name Last Name		
	use if, filing)  Lois May Galaz First Name Middle Name Last Name		
Uni	ted States Bankruptcy Court for the: NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA		
	ee number	_	eck if this is an ended filing
		aiii	ended ming
∩f	ficial Form 106Sum		
	mmary of Your Assets and Liabilities and Certain Statistical Information	on	12/15
Be a nfo /ou	s complete and accurate as possible. If two married people are filing together, both are equally responsi mation. Fill out all of your schedules first; then complete the information on this form. If you are filing an original forms, you must fill out a new <i>Summary</i> and check the box at the top of this page.	ible for suppl	
Par	1: Summarize Your Assets		
			r assets e of what you own
1.	Schedule A/B: Property (Official Form 106A/B)  1a. Copy line 55, Total real estate, from Schedule A/B	\$	330,000.00
	1b. Copy line 62, Total personal property, from Schedule A/B		56,592.00
	1c. Copy line 63, Total of all property on Schedule A/B	\$ _	386,592.00
Par	2: Summarize Your Liabilities		
		You	r liabilities
		Amo	unt you owe
2.	Schedule D: Creditors Who Have Claims Secured by Property (Official Form 106D)  2a. Copy the total you listed in Column A, Amount of claim, at the bottom of the last page of Part 1 of Schedule	\$ D \$ _	216,564.00
3.	Schedule E/F: Creditors Who Have Unsecured Claims (Official Form 106E/F)  3a. Copy the total claims from Part 1 (priority unsecured claims) from line 6e of Schedule E/F	\$_	0.00
	3b. Copy the total claims from Part 2 (nonpriority unsecured claims) from line 6j of Schedule E/F	\$ _	65,815.00
	Your total liabil	lities \$	282,379.00
Par	3: Summarize Your Income and Expenses		
4.	Schedule I: Your Income (Official Form 106I) Copy your combined monthly income from line 12 of Schedule I	\$ _	5,655.34
5.	Schedule J: Your Expenses (Official Form 106J) Copy your monthly expenses from line 22c of Schedule J	\$_	4,488.00
Par	4: Answer These Questions for Administrative and Statistical Records		
6.	Are you filing for bankruptcy under Chapters 7, 11, or 13?  No. You have nothing to report on this part of the form. Check this box and submit this form to the court with	ith your other	schedules.
7.	■ Yes What kind of debt do you have?		
	Your debts are primarily consumer debts. Consumer debts are those "incurred by an individual primaril household purpose." 11 U.S.C. § 101(8). Fill out lines 8-9g for statistical purposes. 28 U.S.C. § 159.	ly for a persor	nal, family, or
	Your debts are not primarily consumer debts. You have nothing to report on this part of the form. Check the court with your other schedules.	ck this box and	d submit this form to

Official Form 106Sum

Debtor 1
Debtor 2
Alfredo Carlos Paul Galaz
Lois May Galaz
Case number (if known)

8. From the Statement of Your Current Monthly Income: Copy your total current monthly income from Official Form 122A-1 Line 11; OR, Form 122B Line 11; OR, Form 122C-1 Line 14.

2,394.34

9. Copy the following special categories of claims from Part 4, line 6 of Schedule E/F:

	Total	claim
From Part 4 on Schedule E/F, copy the following:		
9a. Domestic support obligations (Copy line 6a.)	\$	0.00
9b. Taxes and certain other debts you owe the government. (Copy line 6b.)	\$	0.00
9c. Claims for death or personal injury while you were intoxicated. (Copy line 6c.)	\$	0.00
9d. Student loans. (Copy line 6f.)	\$	0.00
9e. Obligations arising out of a separation agreement or divorce that you did not report as priority claims. (Copy line 6g.)	\$	0.00
9f. Debts to pension or profit-sharing plans, and other similar debts. (Copy line 6h.)	+\$	0.00
9g. <b>Total.</b> Add lines 9a through 9f.	\$	0.00

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Fill in this inform	mation to identify	your case and th	is filing	<b>j</b> :			
Debtor 1	Alfredo Carl	os Paul Galaz					
	First Name		Name	Last Name			
Debtor 2 (Spouse, if filing)	Lois May Ga		Name	Last Name			
	inkruptcy Court for			RICT OF OKLAHOMA			
Omica cialco Ba	and aproy Court for						
Case number _							Check if this is ar amended filing
Official Ea	rm 1064/5	,					
	<u>rm 106A/B</u> <b>e A/B: P</b> i	=					12/15
			an accol	only once. If an asset fits in more than one	category list the as	set in th	
□ No. Go to Par ■ Yes. Where i	t 2.	uitable liiterest ili a	ny resid	lence, building, land, or similar property?			
1.1			What	t is the property? Check all that apply			
3901 W Va	andalia St  if available, or other des	crintion	the am			deduct secured claims or exemptions. Put count of any secured claims on Schedule D:	
ouest address,	in aranasis, or onior ass		☐ Duplex or multi-unit building ☐ Condominium or cooperative		Creditors Who Have Claims Secured by Pr		
				Manufactured or mobile home	Current value of the	20	Current value of the
Broken A	rrow OK	K 74012-0000	_	Land	entire property?	İ	portion you own?
City	State	ZIP Code		Investment property	\$330,000	.00	\$330,000.00
				Timeshare Other			r ownership interest
			Who	has an interest in the property? Check one	a life estate), if known	(such as fee simple, tenancy by the entiret a life estate), if known.	
Tules				•	Joint tenant		
Tulsa County				,			
County				Debtor 1 and Debtor 2 only  At least one of the debtors and another	Check if this i		unity property
				r information you wish to add about this iter	n, such as local		
				al: Subdivision: PECAN GROVE E Township: 18 Range: 14	STATES LOT 29	BLOC	K 1 Section:
2. Add the doll	ar value of the po	rtion you own fo	r all of	your entries from Part 1, including any	entries for		#000 000 00
				r here			\$330,000.00

Do you own, lease, or have legal or equitable interest in any vehicles, whether they are registered or not? Include any vehicles you own that someone else drives. If you lease a vehicle, also report it on Schedule G: Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases.

Official Form 106A/B Schedule A/B: Property page 1

Part 2: Describe Your Vehicles

Debt Debt		Alfredo Carlo Lois May Gal	s Paul Galaz az	Cas	e number (if known)	
3. <b>C</b> a	ars, vans	s, trucks, tracto	ors, sport utility ve	hicles, motorcycles		
	No					
	Yes					
3.1	Make: Model: Year:	Lincoln Town Car 2008		Who has an interest in the property? Check one ☐ Debtor 1 only ☐ Debtor 2 only	the amount of any secu	claims or exemptions. Put ured claims on Schedule D: laims Secured by Property.
		imate mileage:	89000	■ Debtor 1 and Debtor 2 only	Current value of the entire property?	Current value of the portion you own?
		nformation:		☐ At least one of the debtors and another		
				☐ Check if this is community property (see instructions)	\$5,460.00	\$5,460.00
3.2	Make: Model:	Lincoln Town Car		Who has an interest in the property? Check one ☐ Debtor 1 only	the amount of any secu	claims or exemptions. Put ured claims on Schedule D: laims Secured by Property.
	Year:	2001		☐ Debtor 2 only	Current value of the	Current value of the
		imate mileage:	250000	■ Debtor 1 and Debtor 2 only	entire property?	portion you own?
	Other in	nformation:		☐ At least one of the debtors and another		
				Check if this is community property (see instructions)	\$1,357.00	\$1,357.00
5 <b>A</b>				n for all of your entries from Part 2, including any that number here		\$6,817.00
	_					
Part Do y			ial and Household Ite gal or equitable in	ems terest in any of the following items?		Current value of the portion you own? Do not deduct secured claims or exemptions.
E.	xamples. No	d goods and fur Major appliance		, china, kitchenware		olamo ol olompuolo.
						<b>*</b> 40.000.00
			Misc. Househol	d Goods and Furnishings		\$10,000.00
E.	No	: Televisions an		eo, stereo, and digital equipment; computers, printers nedia players, games	s, scanners; music collec	ctions; electronic devices
	100. D					
				two cell phones, two computers, one laptop blet, one camera	one	\$800.00

Official Form 106A/B Schedule A/B: Property

page 2

	ebtor 1 ebtor 2	Alfredo Carl Lois May Ga	os Paul Galaz laz Case number (if kr	nown)
8.	Example  No		figurines; paintings, prints, or other artwork; books, pictures, or other art objects; stamp, ons, memorabilia, collectibles	coin, or baseball card collections;
9.	Example  No	ent for sports ares: Sports, photo musical instru	graphic, exercise, and other hobby equipment; bicycles, pool tables, golf clubs, skis; car	noes and kayaks; carpentry tools;
			Sewing machine two bicycles	\$100.00
10.	□ No		s, shotguns, ammunition, and related equipment	
			two pistols	\$150.00
11.	□ No		othes, furs, leather coats, designer wear, shoes, accessories	
			Clothing	\$400.00
12.	□ No		welry, costume jewelry, engagement rings, wedding rings, heirloom jewelry, watches, ge	ems, gold, silver
			Wedding band and ring	\$1,150.00
			Misc. Jewelry	\$50.00
13.	Examp □ No	rm animals  oles: Dogs, cats,	birds, horses	
			two dogs	\$0.00
14.	Any oth	her personal an	d household items you did not already list, including any health aids you did not l	ist
	Yes.	Give specific infe	ormation	
			Riding Lawnmower	\$200.00
15			of all of your entries from Part 3, including any entries for pages you have attache number here	d \$12,850.00

Part 4: Describe Your Financial Assets

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	Case number (if known)			Lois May Galaz	ebtor 2	De De
Current value of the portion you own? Do not deduct secured claims or exemptions.	;	any of the following?	quitable interest in a	vn or have any legal or e	o you ow	Do
	n hand when you file your petition	me, in a safe deposit box, and on ha		,,	□ No ´	
					Yes	
\$89.0	Cash					
es, and other similar	res in credit unions, brokerage houses ch.	unts; certificates of deposit; shares i with the same institution, list each.			Examp	
		Institution name:			□ No ■ Yes	
\$0.0		Arvest Business account-unuse what closed business it	Checking	17.1.	1 00	
	s it was ioi	what closed business it	Oncoking			
\$1,453.0		Arvest	Checking	17.2.		
un II C. mortmorehin on			Institution or issuer n	oles: Bond funds, investme	Examp  ■ No □ Yes	
ลก LLC, partnership, ar	inesses, including an interest in ar	ame: rated and unincorporated busine:	ent accounts with brokenstation or issuer numbers in incorporation about them	bles: Bond funds, investme  blicly traded stock and renture  Give specific information	Example No No Yes  Non-pu joint vo	9.
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	% of ownership:  100 %  ruments and money orders.	ame: rated and unincorporated busine: doing contract real estate	Institution or issuer n interests in incorporation interests in incorporation in the management of entity:  In the proprietorship of the set of Coldwell Barbards and other negotoersonal checks, cash those you cannot transport in the set of th	ublicly traded stock and renture  Give specific information Nar  So sal  mment and corporate bordiable instruments include pegotiable instruments are  Give specific information are	Example No Non-pu joint vo joint vo No Non-pu joint vo No No Yes.	9.
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\$0.0	% of ownership:  100 %  ruments and money orders. lelivering them.	ame:  rated and unincorporated busines  doing contract real estate anker  iable and non-negotiable instrum niers' checks, promissory notes, and nsfer to someone by signing or delive	Institution or issuer n interests in incorporation interests in incorporation interests in incorporation interests in incorporation in interests in incorporation in interests in incorporation i	bles: Bond funds, investment and corporate bore and instruments include pegotiable instruments are  Give specific information  So sal  So sal  Comment and corporate bore in the instruments are  Give specific information and last instruments are  List each account separate	Examp  No Yes  Non-pu joint v No Yes  No Yes  Retiren Examp	9.

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Debtor 1 Debtor 2	Alfredo Carlo Lois May Ga	os Paul Galaz laz	Case	e number (if known)
■ Yes	3		Institution name or individual:	
		Water	City of Broken Arrow	\$100.00
		Electric	AEP	\$100.00
		Gas	ONG	\$100.00
23. <b>Annu</b> ■ No	ities (A contract fo	or a periodic payment c	of money to you, either for life or for a number of yea	ars)
	lss	suer name and descrip	otion.	
26 U.S		on IRA, in an account 529A(b), and 529(b)(1)	t in a qualified ABLE program, or under a qualifie ).	ed state tuition program.
■ No □ Yes	s Ins	stitution name and des	scription. Separately file the records of any interests.	.11 U.S.C. § 521(c):
25. <b>Trust</b> ■ No	s, equitable or fut	ture interests in prop	perty (other than anything listed in line 1), and rig	hts or powers exercisable for your benefit
☐ Yes	s. Give specific info	ormation about them		
Exan ■ No	mples: Internet dom		rets, and other intellectual property proceeds from royalties and licensing agreements .	
Exan □ No -	mples: Building peri	and other general into mits, exclusive license ormation about them	es, cooperative association holdings, liquor licenses,	professional licenses
		Real Estate	e License	\$0.00
Money o	r property owed t	o you?		Current value of the portion you own?  Do not deduct secured claims or exemptions.
	efunds owed to y	ou		
■ No □ Yes	s. Give specific info	ormation about them, in	ncluding whether you already filed the returns and th	ne tax years
	ly support nples: Past due or	lump sum alimony, sp	ousal support, child support, maintenance, divorce s	settlement, property settlement
☐ Yes	s. Give specific info	ormation		
			e payments, disability benefits, sick pay, vacation pa to someone else	y, workers' compensation, Social Security
☐ Yes	s. Give specific info	ormation		
	ests in insurance mples: Health, disal		; health savings account (HSA); credit, homeowner's	s, or renter's insurance
Yes	s. Name the insura	nce company of each	policy and list its value.	

Official Form 106A/B Schedule A/B: Property

Debtor 1 Debtor 2	Alfredo Carlos I Lois May Galaz	Paul Galaz	Case number (if known)	
		Company name:	Beneficiary:	Surrender or refund value:
		Term Life Insurance Policy \$40,000 Death Benefits Only	Debtor 2	\$0.00
		Term Life Insurance Policy \$40,000 Death Benefits Only	Debtor 1	\$0.00
		State Farm vehicle insurance policy	Debtor 1 and 2	\$0.00
		State Farm homeowners insurance policy	Debtor 1 and 2	\$0.00
If you some		at is due you from someone who has died a living trust, expect proceeds from a life insurance ation	e policy, or are currently entitled to rece	ive property because
Exam ■ No		es, whether or not you have filed a lawsuit or monoyment disputes, insurance claims, or rights to sue		
■ No	contingent and unlide Describe each claim	quidated claims of every nature, including cour	nterclaims of the debtor and rights to	set off claims
■ No	nancial assets you d	•		
		II of your entries from Part 4, including any enti		\$36,925.00
Part 5: De	escribe Any Business-F	Related Property You Own or Have an Interest In. List	any real estate in Part 1.	
No. G	own or have any legal o to Part 6.	or equitable interest in any business-related property	?	
Part 6: De	escribe Any Farm- and	Commercial Fishing-Related Property You Own or Ha	ve an Interest In.	
	•	est in farmland, list it in Part 1.	ercial fishing-related property?	
	. Go to Part 7.	igai oi oquitable interest in arry rarin of commit	relating related property.	
_	s. Go to line 47.			
Part 7:	Describe All Propert	y You Own or Have an Interest in That You Did Not Li	st Above	
		ry of any kind you did not already list? country club membership		
■ No	Civo opositis informa	tion		
⊔ Yes.	Give specific informa	IIIOI1		

Official Form 106A/B Schedule A/B: Property

Alfredo Carlos Paul Galaz Debtor 1 Debtor 2 **Lois May Galaz** Case number (if known) 54. Add the dollar value of all of your entries from Part 7. Write that number here ..... \$0.00 List the Totals of Each Part of this Form 55. Part 1: Total real estate, line 2 \$330,000.00 Part 2: Total vehicles, line 5 \$6,817.00 Part 3: Total personal and household items, line 15 57. \$12,850.00 Part 4: Total financial assets, line 36 \$36,925.00 Part 5: Total business-related property, line 45 \$0.00 Part 6: Total farm- and fishing-related property, line 52 \$0.00 Part 7: Total other property not listed, line 54 \$0.00 Total personal property. Add lines 56 through 61... \$56,592.00 Copy personal property total \$56,592.00 63. Total of all property on Schedule A/B. Add line 55 + line 62 \$386,592.00

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Fill in this infor	mation to identify your	case:		
Debtor 1	Alfredo Carlos Pa			
	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	
Debtor 2	Lois May Galaz			
(Spouse if, filing)	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	
United States Ba	ankruptcy Court for the:	NORTHERN DISTRICT	OF OKLAHOMA	
Case number _				☐ Check if this is an
				amended filing

## Official Form 106C

## Schedule C: The Property You Claim as Exempt

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Be as complete and accurate as possible. If two married people are filing together, both are equally responsible for supplying correct information. Using the property you listed on *Schedule A/B: Property* (Official Form 106A/B) as your source, list the property that you claim as exempt. If more space is needed, fill out and attach to this page as many copies of *Part 2: Additional Page* as necessary. On the top of any additional pages, write your name and case number (if known).

For each item of property you claim as exempt, you must specify the amount of the exemption you claim. One way of doing so is to state a specific dollar amount as exempt. Alternatively, you may claim the full fair market value of the property being exempted up to the amount of any applicable statutory limit. Some exemptions—such as those for health aids, rights to receive certain benefits, and tax-exempt retirement funds—may be unlimited in dollar amount. However, if you claim an exemption of 100% of fair market value under a law that limits the exemption to a particular dollar amount and the value of the property is determined to exceed that amount, your exemption would be limited to the applicable statutory amount.

Part 1:	Identify	y the Pro	perty `	You (	Claim	as E	exempt	í

- 1. Which set of exemptions are you claiming? Check one only, even if your spouse is filing with you.
  - You are claiming state and federal nonbankruptcy exemptions. 11 U.S.C. § 522(b)(3)
  - ☐ You are claiming federal exemptions. 11 U.S.C. § 522(b)(2)
- 2. For any property you list on Schedule A/B that you claim as exempt, fill in the information below.

Brief description of the property and line on Schedule A/B that lists this property	Current value of the portion you own	Amo	ount of the exemption you claim	Specific laws that allow exemption	
	Copy the value from Schedule A/B	Che	ck only one box for each exemption.		
3901 W Vandalia St Broken Arrow, OK 74012 Tulsa County	\$330,000.00	•	\$111,859.00	Okla. Stat. tit. 31, §§ 1(A)(1),(2); Okla. Stat. tit. 31, §	
Legal: Subdivision: PECAN GROVE ESTATES LOT 29 BLOCK 1 Section: 17 Township: 18 Range: 14 Line from Schedule A/B: 1.1			100% of fair market value, up to any applicable statutory limit	2	
2008 Lincoln Town Car 89000 miles	\$5,460.00			Okla. Stat. tit. 31, § 1(A)(13)	
Line from Schedule A/B: 3.1		-	100% of fair market value, up to any applicable statutory limit		
2001 Lincoln Town Car 250000 miles Line from Schedule A/B: 3.2	\$1,357.00			Okla. Stat. tit. 31, § 1(A)(13)	
Line IIOIII Schedule AVB. 3.2			100% of fair market value, up to any applicable statutory limit		
Misc. Household Goods and Furnishings	\$10,000.00		100%	Okla. Stat. tit. 31, § 1(A)(3)	
Line from Schedule A/B: <b>6.1</b>			100% of fair market value, up to any applicable statutory limit		
six televisions, two cell phones, two computers, one laptop one desktop,	\$800.00		100%	Okla. Stat. tit. 31, § 1(A)(3)	
one tablet, one camera Line from Schedule A/B: 7.1			100% of fair market value, up to any applicable statutory limit		

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Alfredo Carlos Paul Galaz Debtor 1 Debtor 2 Lois May Galaz Case number (if known) Brief description of the property and line on Current value of the Amount of the exemption you claim Specific laws that allow exemption Schedule A/B that lists this property portion you own Copy the value from Check only one box for each exemption. Schedule A/B two pistols Okla. Stat. tit. 31, § 1(A)(14) \$150.00 Line from Schedule A/B: 10.1 100% of fair market value, up to any applicable statutory limit Clothing Okla. Stat. tit. 31, § 1(A)(7) \$400.00 Line from Schedule A/B: 11.1 100% of fair market value, up to any applicable statutory limit Wedding band and ring Okla. Stat. tit. 31, § 1(A)(8) \$1,150.00 Line from Schedule A/B: 12.1 100% of fair market value, up to any applicable statutory limit Misc. Jewelry \$50.00 Okla. Stat. tit. 31, § 1(A)(7) Line from Schedule A/B: 12.2 100% of fair market value, up to any applicable statutory limit Riding Lawnmower Okla. Stat. tit. 31, § 1(A)(3) 100% \$200.00 Line from Schedule A/B: 14.1 100% of fair market value, up to any applicable statutory limit Cash Okla. Stat. tit. 12, § 1171.1; 75% \$89.00 Line from Schedule A/B: 16.1 Okla. Stat. tit. 31, § 1(A)(18) 100% of fair market value, up to any applicable statutory limit Checking: Arvest Okla. Stat. tit. 12, § 1171.1; 75% \$0.00 Business account-unused for years, Okla. Stat. tit. 31, § 1(A)(18) not sure what closed business it was п 100% of fair market value, up to for any applicable statutory limit Line from Schedule A/B: 17.1 IRA: Ameriprise Okla. Stat. tit. 31, § 1(A)(20) 100% \$35,000.00 Line from Schedule A/B: 21.1 100% of fair market value, up to any applicable statutory limit **Pension: Bright House** Okla. Stat. tit. 31, § 1(A)(20) \$83.00 100% Line from Schedule A/B: 21.2 100% of fair market value, up to any applicable statutory limit

**Electric: AEP** 

\$100.00

\$100.00

Okla. Stat. tit. 31, § 1.1

Okla. Stat. tit. 31, § 1.1

100%

100%

100% of fair market value, up to any applicable statutory limit

100% of fair market value, up to any applicable statutory limit

Water: City of Broken Arrow

Line from Schedule A/B: 22.1

Line from Schedule A/B: 22.2

	ebtor 1 Alfredo Carlos Paul C Lois May Galaz	Galaz		Case number (if known)	
	Brief description of the property a Schedule A/B that lists this prope		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		Specific laws that allow exemption
		Copy the value from Schedule A/B	Che	eck only one box for each exemption.	
	Gas: ONG Line from Schedule A/B: 22.3	\$100.00	•	100%	Okla. Stat. tit. 31, § 1.1
	Elle Holl Genedale A/B. 2216			100% of fair market value, up to any applicable statutory limit	
	Term Life Insurance Policy Death Benefits Only	\$40,000 \$0.00		100%	Okla. Stat. tit. 36, § 3631.1
	Beneficiary: Debtor 2 Line from Schedule A/B: 31.1			100% of fair market value, up to any applicable statutory limit	
	Term Life Insurance Policy Death Benefits Only	\$40,000 \$0.00		100%	Okla. Stat. tit. 36, § 3631.1
	Beneficiary: Debtor 1 Line from Schedule A/B: 31.2			100% of fair market value, up to any applicable statutory limit	
3.	(Subject to adjustment on 4/01/2  No	, ,	cases fi	iled on or after the date of adjustmer	,
	□ Yes				

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Fill in this informat	ion to identify you	ur case:			
Debtor 1	Alfredo Carlos	Paul Galaz			
_	First Name	Middle Name Last Name			
_	Lois May Galaz				
(Spouse if, filing)	First Name	Middle Name Last Name			
United States Bankro	uptcy Court for the	NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA			
Case number					
(if known)				☐ Check	if this is an
				amend	ded filing
Official Form 1	106D				
		Who Hove Claims Secure	h by Droport	.,	4045
Schedule D	: Creditors	Who Have Claims Secured	by Propert	<u>y                                    </u>	12/15
		If two married people are filing together, both are eq out, number the entries, and attach it to this form. Or			
number (if known).	dullional Fage, illi it	out, number the entries, and attach it to this form. Of	in the top of any addition	nai pages, write your na	ille allu case
1. Do any creditors have	ve claims secured b	y your property?			
□ No. Check thi	is box and submit t	his form to the court with your other schedules. Yo	ou have nothing else t	o report on this form.	
Yes. Fill in all	of the information	below.			
Part 1: List All S	ecured Claims				
2. List all secured clai	ims. If a creditor has	more than one secured claim, list the creditor separately	Column A	Column B	Column C
		s a particular claim, list the other creditors in Part 2. As ical order according to the creditor's name.	Amount of claim Do not deduct the value of collateral.	Value of collateral that supports this claim	Unsecured portion If any
2.1 Gateway Mo Group	ortgage	Describe the property that secures the claim:	\$216,564.00	\$330,000.00	\$0.00
Creditor's Name		3901 W Vandalia St Broken Arrow,			
		OK 74012 Tulsa County			
		Legal: Subdivision: PECAN GROVE ESTATES LOT 29 BLOCK 1 Section:			
Attac Danilar	D	17 Township: 18 Range: 14			
Attn: Bankru 244 S Gatew		As of the date you file, the claim is: Check all that			
Jenks, OK 7	-	apply. □ Contingent			
Number, Street, City	y, State & Zip Code	☐ Unliquidated			
		☐ Disputed			
Who owes the debt?	? Check one.	Nature of lien. Check all that apply.			
☐ Debtor 1 only ☐ Debtor 2 only			cured		
■ Debtor 1 and Debto	or 2 only	☐ Statutory lien (such as tax lien, mechanic's lien)			
☐ At least one of the c		☐ Judgment lien from a lawsuit			
☐ Check if this claim	relates to a	Other (including a right to offset) Mortgage			
community debt					
	Opened				
	10/17/16				
Date debt was incurre	Last Active 4/05/19	Last 4 digits of account number 9695			
	~ <u> </u>	Last 4 digits of account number			
	-	column A on this page. Write that number here:	\$216,56	64.00	
If this is the last pag Write that number h		the dollar value totals from all pages.	\$216,56	64.00	
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#### Part 2: List Others to Be Notified for a Debt That You Already Listed

Use this page only if you have others to be notified about your bankruptcy for a debt that you already listed in Part 1. For example, if a collection agency is trying to collect from you for a debt you owe to someone else, list the creditor in Part 1, and then list the collection agency here. Similarly, if you have more than one creditor for any of the debts that you listed in Part 1, list the additional creditors here. If you do not have additional persons to be notified for any debts in Part 1, do not fill out or submit this page.

	Ous	C 13 11000 IX	Doddinent 1	i lica ili oobo i	10/01/01/00/20/1	, 1 age 2.	1 01 40
Fill in	this inform	ation to identify your c	ase:			ı	
Debto	r 1	Alfredo Carlos Pa	ul Galaz			1	
		First Name	Middle Name	Last Name		1	
Debto		Lois May Galaz				1	
(Spouse	if, filing)	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name		1	
United	States Ban	kruptcy Court for the:	NORTHERN DISTR	ICT OF OKLAHOMA		ı	
Case r	number					1	
(if knowr	n)					☐ Ch	eck if this is an
						am	ended filing
Offic	ial Form	106E/F					
		F: Creditors W	ha Haya Unca	soured Claims			12/15
					Part 2 for creditors with NON		
Schedu left. Atta name ai	le D: Creditor ach the Conti nd case num	rs Who Have Claims Secu inuation Page to this page ber (if known).	red by Property. If more. If you have no inform	e space is needed, copy	any creditors with partially s the Part you need, fill it out, i do not file that Part. On the to	number the entri	es in the boxes on the
Part 1		of Your PRIORITY Uns					
_	•	s have priority unsecured	claims against you?				
	No. Go to Pa	rt 2.					
	Yes.						
Part 2	List All	of Your NONPRIORITY	/ Unsecured Claims				
4. Lis	Yes.  It all of your is secured claim	, list the creditor separately	ims in the alphabetical for each claim. For each	order of the creditor who	holds each claim. If a credity ype of claim it is. Do not list clathree nonpriority unsecured cl	aims already inclu	ded in Part 1. If more
ıα	11. 2.						Total claim
4.1	Bank Of	America	Last A d	igits of account number	6104		\$2,782.00
4.1		Creditor's Name	Last 4 U	igits of account number	0104	_	\$2,762.00
	4909 Sav	arese Circle			Opened 03/05 Last A	<b>Active</b>	
	FI1-908-0		When w	as the debt incurred?	05/19		
	Tampa, F	FL 33634 eet Citv State Zip Code	As of th	e date you file, the claim	s: Check all that apply		
		red the debt? Check one.	710 01 111	o dato you mo, mo olami	or oncor all that apply		
	■ Debtor 1		☐ Cont	ingent			
	Debtor 2	•	☐ Unlic	=			
		and Debtor 2 only	☐ Disp				
		one of the debtors and ano	_ `.	NONPRIORITY unsecure	d claim:		
		f this claim is for a comm		ent loans			
	debt	i una ciann ia ioi a' comin		ations arising out of a sepa	ration agreement or divorce th	at you did not	
	Is the claim	subject to offset?	report as	s priority claims	-		
	■ No				g plans, and other similar debt	S	
	☐ Yes		Othe	r. Specify Credit Card	I		

	or 1 Alfredo Carlos Paul Galaz Dr 2 Lois May Galaz		Case number (if known)	
4.2	Capital One	Last 4 digits of account number	7840	\$1,344.00
	Nonpriority Creditor's Name Attn: Bankruptcy Po Box 30285 Salt Lake City, UT 84130 Number Street City State Zip Code	Opened 01/00 Last Active 02/19  As of the date you file, the claim is: Check all that apply		
	Who incurred the debt? Check one.			
	☐ Debtor 1 only ☐ Debtor 2 only ☐ Debtor 1 and Debtor 2 only	☐ Contingent		
		☐ Unliquidated		
		☐ Disputed		
	$\square$ At least one of the debtors and another	<u></u>	Type of NONPRIORITY unsecured claim:	
	☐ Check if this claim is for a community ☐ Student loans			
	debt Is the claim subject to offset?	☐ Obligations arising out of a separation agreement or divorce that you did not report as priority claims ☐ Debts to pension or profit-sharing plans, and other similar debts		
	No			
	Yes	Other. Specify Credit Card		
4.3	Capital One Nonpriority Creditor's Name	Last 4 digits of account number	7701	\$4,011.00
	Attn: Bankruptcy Po Box 30285	When was the debt incurred?	Opened 04/02 Last Active 02/19	
	Salt Lake City, UT 84130  Number Street City State Zip Code  Who incurred the debt? Check one.	As of the date you file, the claim is: Check all that apply		
	☐ Debtor 1 only	☐ Contingent		
	Debtor 2 only	☐ Unliquidated		
	☐ Debtor 1 and Debtor 2 only	☐ Disputed		
	$\square$ At least one of the debtors and another	Type of NONPRIORITY unsecured		
	☐ Check if this claim is for a community debt  Is the claim subject to offset?	☐ Student loans ☐ Obligations arising out of a sepa report as priority claims		
	No	Debts to pension or profit-sharin		
	Yes	■ Other. Specify Credit Card		
4.4	Credit Card Services	Last 4 digits of account number	1325	\$13,871.00
	Nonpriority Creditor's Name Attn: Bankruptcy Dept P. O. Box 7054 Bridgeport, CT 06601	When was the debt incurred?	Opened 07/99 Last Active 02/19	Ψ13,071.00
	Number Street City State Zip Code Who incurred the debt? Check one.	As of the date you file, the claim i		
	Debtor 1 only	☐ Contingent		
	☐ Debtor 2 only	☐ Unliquidated		
	■ Debtor 1 and Debtor 2 only	☐ Disputed		
	$\square$ At least one of the debtors and another	Type of NONPRIORITY unsecured		
	☐ Check if this claim is for a community debt	☐ Student loans		
	Is the claim subject to offset?	☐ Obligations arising out of a separation agreement or divorce that you did not report as priority claims		
	No	☐ Debts to pension or profit-sharing plans, and other similar debts		
	☐ Yes	Other. Specify Credit Card	<u> </u>	
		<del></del>		

1 Alfredo Carlos Paul Galaz 2 Lois May Galaz		Case number (if known)	
Pentagon Federal Credit Union	Last 4 digits of account number	0543	\$43,807.0
Po Box 1432 Alexandria, VA 22313	When was the debt incurred?	Opened 06/09 Last Active 01/19	
Number Street City State Zip Code	As of the date you file, the claim i	s: Check all that apply	
Who incurred the debt? Check one.			
Debtor 1 only	☐ Contingent		
Debtor 2 only	☐ Unliquidated		
■ Debtor 1 and Debtor 2 only	☐ Disputed		
☐ At least one of the debtors and another	Type of NONPRIORITY unsecured	d claim:	
☐ Check if this claim is for a community	☐ Student loans		
debt Is the claim subject to offset?	Obligations arising out of a separeport as priority claims	ration agreement or divorce that you did not	
No	Debts to pension or profit-sharing	g plans, and other similar debts	
☐ Yes	■ Other. Specify Credit Card	I	

#### Part 3: List Others to Be Notified About a Debt That You Already Listed

#### Part 4: Add the Amounts for Each Type of Unsecured Claim

6. Total the amounts of certain types of unsecured claims. This information is for statistical reporting purposes only. 28 U.S.C. §159. Add the amounts for each type of unsecured claim.

				Total Claim
	6a.	Domestic support obligations	6a.	\$ 0.00
Total claims				
from Part 1	6b.	Taxes and certain other debts you owe the government	6b.	\$ 0.00
	6c.	Claims for death or personal injury while you were intoxicated	6c.	\$ 0.00
	6d.	Other. Add all other priority unsecured claims. Write that amount here.	6d.	\$ 0.00
	6e.	Total Priority. Add lines 6a through 6d.	6e.	\$ 0.00
				Total Claim
Total	6f.	Student loans	6f.	\$ 0.00
claims				
from Part 2	6g.	Obligations arising out of a separation agreement or divorce that you did not report as priority claims	6g.	\$ 0.00
	6h.		6h.	\$ 0.00
	6i.	<b>Other.</b> Add all other nonpriority unsecured claims. Write that amount here.	6i.	\$ 65,815.00
	6j.	Total Nonpriority. Add lines 6f through 6i.	6j.	\$ 65,815.00

<sup>5.</sup> Use this page only if you have others to be notified about your bankruptcy, for a debt that you already listed in Parts 1 or 2. For example, if a collection agency is trying to collect from you for a debt you owe to someone else, list the original creditor in Parts 1 or 2, then list the collection agency here. Similarly, if you have more than one creditor for any of the debts that you listed in Parts 1 or 2, list the additional creditors here. If you do not have additional persons to be notified for any debts in Parts 1 or 2, do not fill out or submit this page.

Fill in this infor	mation to identify your	case:		
Debtor 1	Alfredo Carlos Pa	aul Galaz		
	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	
Debtor 2	Lois May Galaz			
(Spouse if, filing)	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	
United States Ba	ankruptcy Court for the:	NORTHERN DISTRICT	OF OKLAHOMA	
Case number				
(if known)				☐ Check if this is a
				amended filing

## Official Form 106G

## **Schedule G: Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases**

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Be as complete and accurate as possible. If two married people are filing together, both are equally responsible for supplying correct information. If more space is needed, copy the additional page, fill it out, number the entries, and attach it to this page. On the top of any additional pages, write your name and case number (if known).

- 1. Do you have any executory contracts or unexpired leases?
  - ☐ No. Check this box and file this form with the court with your other schedules. You have nothing else to report on this form.
  - Yes. Fill in all of the information below even if the contacts of leases are listed on Schedule A/B:Property (Official Form 106 A/B).
- List separately each person or company with whom you have the contract or lease. Then state what each contract or lease is for (for example, rent, vehicle lease, cell phone). See the instructions for this form in the instruction booklet for more examples of executory contracts and unexpired leases.

P	erson or company with whom you have the contract or lease Name, Number, Street, City, State and ZIP Code	State what the contract or lease is for
2.1	Alert 360 3158 S. 108th Street Suite 220 Tulsa, OK 74146	Three year contract for alarm system service signed October 2016
2.2	Cox Communications PO Box 21039 Tulsa, OK 74121-1039	Three year contract for internet & cable service signed September 2016

Fill in this	s information to identify you	ır case:		
Debtor 1	Alfredo Carlos	Paul Galaz		
DODIO! 1	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	
Debtor 2	Lois May Galaz			
(Spouse if, fili		Middle Name	Last Name	
United Sta	ates Bankruptcy Court for the	: NORTHERN DISTRICT	OF OKLAHOMA	
Case num	ber			
(if known)				☐ Check if this is an
				amended filing
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Officia	l Form 106H			
Sched	dule H: Your Co	debtors		12/15
our name	e and case number (if know	n). Answer every question		to this page. On the top of any Additional Pages, write
1. Do	you have any codebtors? (	If you are filing a joint case,	do not list either spouse	e as a codebtor.
■ No □ Yes				
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	na, California, Idaho, Louisiar			'Y? (Community property states and territories include ington, and Wisconsin.)
7201	ia, camerna, raarre, zoareia.	,		
■ No.	. Go to line 3.			
☐ Yes	s. Did your spouse, former sp	oouse, or legal equivalent live	e with you at the time?	
3. In Co	lumn 1, list all of your code	btors. Do not include your	spouse as a codebtor	if your spouse is filing with you. List the person show
				sure you have listed the creditor on Schedule D (Officia
	olumn 2.	ial Form 106E/F), or Sched	ule G (Official Form 10	06G). Use Schedule D, Schedule E/F, or Schedule G to f
	Column 1: Your codebtor Name, Number, Street, City, State and	I ZIP Code		Column 2: The creditor to whom you owe the debt Check all schedules that apply:
				Check an sorrounce that apply.
3.1				Schedule D, line
	Name			☐ Schedule E/F, line
				☐ Schedule G, line
-	Number Street			_
	City	State	ZIP Code	
				_
3.2	Name			Schedule D, line
	Name			☐ Schedule E/F, line
				☐ Schedule G, line
-	Number Street	_		_
	City	State	ZIP Code	

Schedule H: Your Codebtors

Fill in this	information to identify your ca	ase:		
Debtor 1	Alfredo Carl	os Paul Galaz		
Debtor 2 (Spouse, if fili	Lois May Ga	laz		
United Sta	ates Bankruptcy Court for the	NORTHERN DISTRIC	CT OF OKLAHOMA	
	al Form 1061 dule I: Your Ince	ome	-	Check if this is:  An amended filing  A supplement showing postpetition chapter 13 income as of the following date:  MM / DD/ YYYY
supplying spouse. If	correct information. If you you are separated and you	are married and not fili r spouse is not filing w	ng jointly, and your spouse is I ith you, do not include informa	1 and Debtor 2), both are equally responsible for iving with you, include information about your tion about your spouse. If more space is needed, nd case number (if known). Answer every question
	n your employment mation.		Debtor 1	Debtor 2 or non-filing spouse
	have more than one job,	Employment status	☐ Employed	■ Employed
inforr	h a separate page with mation about additional	Employment status	■ Not employed	☐ Not employed
empl	oyers.	Occupation	Retired	Self employed
	de part-time, seasonal, or employed work.	Employer's name		Real Estate Agent
	upation may include student omemaker, if it applies.	Employer's address		3901 S. Vandalia St. Broken Arrow, OK 74012
		How long employed t	here?	3 Months

**Give Details About Monthly Income** 

Estimate monthly income as of the date you file this form. If you have nothing to report for any line, write \$0 in the space. Include your non-filing spouse unless you are separated.

If you or your non-filing spouse have more than one employer, combine the information for all employers for that person on the lines below. If you need more space, attach a separate sheet to this form.

List monthly gross wages, salary, and commissions (before all payroll 2. deductions). If not paid monthly, calculate what the monthly wage would be.

3. Estimate and list monthly overtime pay.

Calculate gross Income. Add line 2 + line 3.

		For Debtor 1		r Debtor 2 or n-filing spouse
2.	\$	0.00	\$	0.00
3.	+\$	0.00	+\$	0.00
4.	\$	0.00	9	0.00

Debto Debto		Alfredo Carlos Paul Galaz Lois May Galaz	-	Cas	e number ( <i>if kr</i>	nown)				
				Fo	or Debtor 1			Debtor 2 -filing spe		
	Сор	y line 4 here	4.	\$	C	0.00	\$		0.00	-
5.	List	all payroll deductions:								
	5a.	Tax, Medicare, and Social Security deductions	5a.	\$	ď	0.00	\$		0.00	
	5b.	Mandatory contributions for retirement plans	5b.	\$		0.00	\$-		0.00	_
	5c.	Voluntary contributions for retirement plans	5c.	\$		0.00	\$		0.00	_
	5d.	Required repayments of retirement fund loans	5d.	\$		0.00	\$		0.00	_
	5e.	Insurance	5e.	\$		0.00	\$		0.00	_
	5f.	Domestic support obligations	5f.	\$	C	0.00	\$		0.00	_
	5g.	Union dues	5g.	\$	0	0.00	\$		0.00	_
	5h.	Other deductions. Specify:	_ 5h.+	- \$	C	0.00	+ \$		0.00	-
6.	Add	the payroll deductions. Add lines 5a+5b+5c+5d+5e+5f+5g+5h.	6.	\$	C	0.00	\$		0.00	-
7.	Cald	culate total monthly take-home pay. Subtract line 6 from line 4.	7.	\$	C	0.00	\$		0.00	_
8.	List 8a.	all other income regularly received: Net income from rental property and from operating a business, profession, or farm Attach a statement for each property and business showing gross receipts, ordinary and necessary business expenses, and the total								
		monthly net income.	8a.	\$_	C	0.00	\$	(	67.34	_
	8b.	Interest and dividends	8b.	\$_		0.00	\$		0.00	_
	8c. 8d. 8e.	Family support payments that you, a non-filing spouse, or a dependent regularly receive Include alimony, spousal support, child support, maintenance, divorce settlement, and property settlement.  Unemployment compensation Social Security	8c. 8d. 8e.	\$ \$ \$		0.00 0.00 1.00	\$ \$	1.3	0.00 0.00 77.00	-
	8f.	Other government assistance that you regularly receive Include cash assistance and the value (if known) of any non-cash assistance that you receive, such as food stamps (benefits under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) or housing subsidies.  Specify:		\$	·	0.00	\$	1,0	0.00	_
	8g.	Pension or retirement income	 8g.	\$	1,021	.00	\$	1,2	23.00	-
	8h.	Other monthly income. Specify: Annuity Pension	8h.+	- \$	83	3.00	+ \$		0.00	_
9.	Add	all other income. Add lines 8a+8b+8c+8d+8e+8f+8g+8h.	9.	\$_	2,988	3.00	\$	2,0	667.3	4
10.		culate monthly income. Add line 7 + line 9. the entries in line 10 for Debtor 1 and Debtor 2 or non-filing spouse.	10. \$		2,988.00	+ \$	2,6	667.34 =	\$_	5,655.34
11.	Inclu othe	te all other regular contributions to the expenses that you list in Schedule ude contributions from an unmarried partner, members of your household, your er friends or relatives.  not include any amounts already included in lines 2-10 or amounts that are not a cify:	depen		, ,		•	Schedule J 11		0.00
12.		the amount in the last column of line 10 to the amount in line 11. The rese that amount on the Summary of Schedules and Statistical Summary of Certailies						12.	\$	5,655.34
13.	_ `	you expect an increase or decrease within the year after you file this form	?						ombi nonthl	ned y income
		No. Yes. Explain: Lios Galaz is seeking her realtor's license, and he not had any income yet.	opes	she	will be pro	ofital	ble int	the futu	re, bı	ıt has

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Fill	in this informa	ition to identify yo	our case:	·						
Deb	tor 1	Alfredo Carlo	os Paul G	Salaz		Che	eck if this is:			
	Debtor 2 Lois May Galaz (Spouse, if filing)						<ul> <li>☐ An amended filing</li> <li>☐ A supplement showing postpetition chapter</li> <li>13 expenses as of the following date:</li> </ul>			
' '			NODEL	IEDN DIOTDIOT OF OU						
Unit	ed States Bankr	ruptcy Court for the	: NORTH	IERN DISTRICT OF OKLA	AHOMA		MM / DD / YYYY			
1	e number nown)									
		rm 106J								
		J: Your						12/1		
info	rmation. If m		eded, atta	. If two married people ar ch another sheet to this n.						
Par		ribe Your House	hold							
1.	Is this a joir									
	□ No. Go to	o line 2. es Debtor 2 live i	in a conar	ata hausahald?						
			iii a sepai	ate nousenou:						
	■ N □ Y	-	st file Offici	al Form 106J-2, <i>Expenses</i>	s for Separate House	ehold of Del	btor 2.			
2.	Do you have	e dependents?	■ No							
	Do not list D Debtor 2.	ebtor 1 and	☐ Yes.	Fill out this information for each dependent	Dependent's relation		Dependent's age	Does dependent live with you?		
	Do not state							□ No		
	dependents	names.					_	□ Yes □ No		
								Yes		
								□ No		
					<del></del>		_	☐ Yes ☐ No		
								☐ Yes		
3.	expenses o	penses include f people other to d your depende	han 👝	No Yes						
Dor				y Evnances						
Est exp	imate your ex		our bankrı	uptcy filing date unless y				apter 13 case to report of the form and fill in the		
Incl	lude expense	s paid for with i	non-cash	government assistance i	f you know					
the		h assistance an		iluded it on Schedule I: \			Your exp	penses		
4.		or home owners and any rent for the		ses for your residence. I r lot.	nclude first mortgage	e 4.	\$	1,502.00		
	If not includ	led in line 4:								
	4a. Real e	estate taxes				4a.	\$	0.00		
	4b. Prope	rty, homeowner's				4b.	·	0.00		
			•	ipkeep expenses		4c.	·	150.00		
5.		owner's associat		cominium dues our residence, such as ho	me equity loans	4d. 5.	·	29.00 0.00		

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Debtor	1 Alfredo Carlos Paul Galaz			
Debtor	2 Lois May Galaz	Case num	ber (if known)	
-	ilities:	0-	•	
6a	,, ,	6a.	\$ \$	305.00
6b 6c	, , , , ,	6b. 6c.	\$ 	125.00
6d		6d.	\$	345.00
	. Other. Specify:od and housekeeping supplies	ou.	·	0.00 800.00
	od and nodsekeeping supplies iildcare and children's education costs	7. 8.	\$	<del></del>
-	othing, laundry, and dry cleaning	9.	\$	0.00 174.00
	rsonal care products and services	10.	\$ 	180.00
	edical and dental expenses	11.	\$	300.00
	ansportation. Include gas, maintenance, bus or train fare.		Ψ	300.00
	onot include car payments.	12.	\$	250.00
	tertainment, clubs, recreation, newspapers, magazines, and books	13.	\$	150.00
	paritable contributions and religious donations	14.	\$	0.00
15. <b>In</b> :	surance.		·	
	not include insurance deducted from your pay or included in lines 4 or 20.			
15	a. Life insurance	15a.	\$	0.00
15	b. Health insurance	15b.	\$	0.00
	c. Vehicle insurance	15c.	\$	81.00
15	d. Other insurance. Specify: Appliance Insurance	15d.	\$	62.00
	xes. Do not include taxes deducted from your pay or included in lines 4 or 20.			
	ecify:	16.	\$	0.00
	stallment or lease payments:	47-	•	2.22
	a. Car payments for Vehicle 1	17a.	*	0.00
	b. Car payments for Vehicle 2	17b.	·	0.00
	c. Other Specify:	17c.	\$	0.00
	d. Other. Specify:	17d.	\$	0.00
	our payments of alimony, maintenance, and support that you did not report a ducted from your pay on line 5, Schedule I, Your Income (Official Form 106I)		\$	0.00
	her payments you make to support others who do not live with you.		\$	0.00
	ecify:	19.	·	<u> </u>
	her real property expenses not included in lines 4 or 5 of this form or on Sci		our Income.	
	a. Mortgages on other property	20a.		0.00
20	b. Real estate taxes	20b.	\$	0.00
20	c. Property, homeowner's, or renter's insurance	20c.	\$	0.00
20	d. Maintenance, repair, and upkeep expenses	20d.	\$	0.00
20	e. Homeowner's association or condominium dues	20e.	\$	0.00
21. <b>O</b> t	her: Specify: Alert Alarm	21.	+\$	35.00
00 0	Javieta varia manthir armanaa			
	a. Add lines 4 through 21.		\$	4 400 00
	3		·	4,488.00
	b. Copy line 22 (monthly expenses for Debtor 2), if any, from Official Form 106J-2		\$	
22	c. Add line 22a and 22b. The result is your monthly expenses.		\$	4,488.00
23. <b>C</b> a	Ilculate your monthly net income.			
	a. Copy line 12 (your combined monthly income) from Schedule I.	23a.	\$	5,655.34
	b. Copy your monthly expenses from line 22c above.	23b.	-\$	4,488.00
				,
23	c. Subtract your monthly expenses from your monthly income.			4 407 04
	The result is your monthly net income.	23c.	\$	1,167.34
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	byou expect an increase or decrease in your expenses within the year after or example, do you expect to finish paying for your car loan within the year or do you expect your car loan within the year or do you expect you			or decrease because of a
	dification to the terms of your mortgage?	a. mortgage	caymont to morease	or accrease because or a
	No.			
	Yes. Explain here:			

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Fill in this infor	rmation to identify your	00001				
Debtor 1	Alfredo Carlos Pa	Aul Galaz Middle Name	Loc	st Name		
Dobtor 2		Middle Name	Lat	ot ivallie		
Debtor 2 (Spouse if, filing)	Lois May Galaz First Name	Middle Name	Lac	st Name		
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United States B	ankruptcy Court for the:	NORTHERN DISTRIC	T OF OKLAH	IOMA		
Case number						
(if known)						☐ Check if this is an
						amended filing
Official For <b>Declara</b> t	<sub>m 106Dec</sub> tion About a	n Individua	l Debt	or's	Schedules	12/15
	18 U.S.C. §§ 152, 1341, 1 ın Below	519, and 5571.				
Did you pa	ay or agree to pay some	one who is NOT an atto	rney to help	you fil	Il out bankruptcy forms?	
■ No						
☐ Yes.	Name of person					ankruptcy Petition Preparer's Notice,
					Declarati	ion, and Signature (Official Form 119)
	alty of perjury, I declare re true and correct.	that I have read the sun	nmary and s	chedul	les filed with this declara	ation and
X /s/ Alf	redo Carlos Paul Gala	az	х	/s/ Lo	ois May Galaz	
	lo Carlos Paul Galaz				May Galaz	
Signatu	ure of Debtor 1				ture of Debtor 2	
Date	May 24, 2019			Date	May 24, 2019	

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**Declaration About an Individual Debtor's Schedules** 

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Fill	in this infor	mation to identify you	r case:			
	btor 1	Alfredo Carlos I				
		First Name	Middle Name	Last Name		
1	btor 2	Lois May Galaz	Middle Nove	Lost Nome		
(Sp	ouse if, filing)	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name		
Un	ited States Ba	ankruptcy Court for the:	NORTHERN DISTRICT	OF OKLAHOMA		
1	se number _ nown)					Check if this is an amended filing
	ficial Fo		Affairs for Indiv	iduals Filing for E	Bankruptcy	4/19
info	rmation. If n		, attach a separate sheet to	e are filing together, both are othis form. On the top of an		
Pa	rt 1: Give I	Details About Your Ma	arital Status and Where Yo	ou Lived Before		
1.	What is you	ır current marital statı	ıs?			
	■ Married Not ma	-				
2.	During the	last 3 years, have you	lived anywhere other than	n where you live now?		
	□ No					
	_	st all of the places you	lived in the last 3 vears. Do	not include where you live nov	w.	
	Debtor 1 P	rior Address:	Dates Debtor lived there	1 Debtor 2 Prior A	ddress:	Dates Debtor 2 lived there
		Cloud Drive eights, TX 76548	From-To: August 1997-August 2016	■ Same as Debtor	1	Same as Debtor 1 From-To:
<b>3.</b> stat	es and territor	ries include Árizona, Ca		egal equivalent in a commul levada, New Mexico, Puerto R Official Form 106H).		
Pa	rt 2 Expla	in the Sources of You	ır Income			
4.	Fill in the tot	al amount of income yo	ou received from all jobs and	ing a business during this y d all businesses, including part ive together, list it only once u	t-time activities.	alendar years?
	_	Il in the details.				
			Debtor 1		Debtor 2	
			Sources of income Check all that apply.	Gross income (before deductions and exclusions)	Sources of income Check all that apply.	Gross income (before deductions and exclusions)

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Debtor 2 Lois May Galaz				Case number (if known)				
					Dahtan 4		Dahtar 2	
					Sources of income Check all that apply.	Gross income (before deductions and exclusions)	Sources of income Check all that apply.	Gross income (before deductions and exclusions)
			1 of current y iled for bankr		☐ Wages, commissions, bonuses, tips	\$0.00	☐ Wages, commissions, bonuses, tips	\$642.34
					☐ Operating a business		Operating a business	
5.	Includand of winni	de indother prings. I each s	come regardles public benefit p If you are filing	es of wheth payments; a joint cas gross inco	er that income is taxable. Expensions; rental income; intelle and you have income that	o previous calendar years? amples of other income are a rest; dividends; money collect you received together, list it o stely. Do not include income the	ted from lawsuits; royalties; a nly once under Debtor 1.	
	_	165.	riii iii tile detaii	15.				
					Debtor 1 Sources of income Describe below.	Gross income from each source (before deductions and exclusions)	Debtor 2 Sources of income Describe below.	Gross income (before deductions and exclusions)
			1 of current y iled for bankr		Social Security, Pensions, and Annuities	\$2,988.00	Social Security, Pensions, and Annuities	\$2,600.00
			dar year: December 31,	, 2018 )	Social Security	\$26,508.00	Social Security	\$20,412.00
					Pensions and Annuities	\$27,924.00		
			dar year befor December 31,		Social Security	\$45,984.00	Social Security, Pensions, and Annuities	\$0.00
					Pensions and Annuities	\$30,482.00		
Pai	t 3:	List	Certain Paym	nents You	Made Before You Filed for	Bankruptcy		
6.	_		Debtor 1's or Neither Debt	Debtor 2' or 1 nor D	s debts primarily consume	r debts? umer debts. Consumer debts	s are defined in 11 U.S.C. § 1	01(8) as "incurred by an
			□ No. G □ Yes L p n	So to line 7 ist below eaid that creot include	ach creditor to whom you pa editor. Do not include paymen payments to an attorney for t		n one or more payments and ations, such as child support	and alimony. Also, do
	•	Yes.	Debtor 1 or E	Debtor 2 o	r both have primarily consu		•	II.
			· ·	•		id you pay any creditor a total	I OI \$000 OF MORE?	
			_	o to line 7		'-l - 1-1-l -( <b>0</b> 000	I the detail and a second second	at an altern B
			ir	nclude pay		id a total of \$600 or more and bligations, such as child supp		

ebtor 2 Lois May Galaz		Ca	se number (if known)	
Creditor's Name and Address	Dates of payment	Total amount paid	Amount you still owe	Was this payment for
Gateway Mortgage Group Attn: Bankruptcy Dept. 244 S Gateway Place Jenks, OK 74037	Monthly mortgage payment	\$1,502.00	\$218,141.00	■ Mortgage □ Car □ Credit Card □ Loan Repayment □ Suppliers or vendors □ Other
Bank of Oklahoma PO Box 248817 Oklahoma City, OK 73126	April 2019 paid daughter's mortgage payment, no further payments made.	\$1,200.00	\$0.00	■ Mortgage □ Car □ Credit Card □ Loan Repayment □ Suppliers or vendors ■ Other
Coldwell Banker 8990 South Sheridan Rd Tulsa, OK 74133	April 3, 2019	\$1,270.00	\$0.00	☐ Mortgage ☐ Car ☐ Credit Card ☐ Loan Repayment ☐ Suppliers or vendors ☐ Other Annual real estate fees
Within 1 year before you filed for bankru Insiders include your relatives; any genera of which you are an officer, director, person a business you operate as a sole proprieto alimony.  No Yes. List all payments to an insider.	I partners; relatives of any ger n in control, or owner of 20% o	neral partners; partn or more of their votin	erships of which you	ou are a general partner; corporation ny managing agent, including one f
Insider's Name and Address	Dates of payment	Total amount paid	Amount you still owe	Reason for this payment
Within 1 year before you filed for bankruinsider? Include payments on debts guaranteed or  No Yes. List all payments to an insider		ments or transfer	any property on a	ccount of a debt that benefited a
Insider's Name and Address	Dates of payment	Total amount paid	Amount you still owe	Reason for this payment Include creditor's name
art 4: Identify Legal Actions, Repossess	sions, and Foreclosures			
Within 1 year before you filed for bankru List all such matters, including personal inj modifications, and contract disputes.  No Yes. Fill in the details.				
Case title	Nature of the case	Court or agency		Status of the case
Case number				

Alfredo Carlos Paul Galaz

Debtor 1

	otor 1 Alfredo Carlos Paul Galaz  Lois May Galaz	Case number	r (if known)					
10.	Within 1 year before you filed for bankru Check all that apply and fill in the details be	uptcy, was any of your property repossessed, foreclose	d, garnished, attacheલ	d, seized, or levied?				
	■ No. Go to line 11.  ☐ Yes. Fill in the information below.							
	Creditor Name and Address	Describe the Property	Date	Value of the				
		Explain what happened	- 5.55	property				
11	Within 00 days before you filed for bank	ruptcy, did any creditor, including a bank or financial ir	actitution act off any	amounto from your				
	accounts or refuse to make a payment k		istitution, set on any a	amounts from your				
	No							
	Yes. Fill in the details.							
	Creditor Name and Address	Describe the action the creditor took	Date action was taken	Amount				
12.	court-appointed receiver, a custodian, o	uptcy, was any of your property in the possession of an or another official?	assignee for the bene	efit of creditors, a				
	■ No □ Yes							
Par	t 5: List Certain Gifts and Contribution	ne.						
			41 #000	•				
13.	■ No ■ Yes. Fill in the details for each gift.	ruptcy, did you give any gifts with a total value of more	than \$600 per person	?				
	Gifts with a total value of more than \$60	Describe the gifts	Dates you gave	Value				
	per person	Describe the girts	the gifts	value				
	Person to Whom You Gave the Gift and Address:							
14.	Within 2 years before you filed for bankruptcy, did you give any gifts or contributions with a total value of more than \$600 to any charity?  No							
	☐ Yes. Fill in the details for each gift or o	contribution.						
	Gifts or contributions to charities that		Dates you	Value				
	more than \$600	· ·	contributed					
	Charity's Name Address (Number, Street, City, State and ZIP Cod	e)						
Par	t 6: List Certain Losses							
15.	Within 1 year before you filed for bankru or gambling?	iptcy or since you filed for bankruptcy, did you lose any	thing because of the	it, fire, other disaster				
	■ No							
	☐ Yes. Fill in the details.							
	Describe the property you lost and	Describe any insurance coverage for the loss	Date of your	Value of property				
	how the loss occurred	Include the amount that insurance has paid. List pending insurance claims on line 33 of <i>Schedule A/B: Property</i> .	loss	lost				
Par	t 7: List Certain Payments or Transfer	s						
16.	consulted about seeking bankruptcy or	uptcy, did you or anyone else acting on your behalf pay preparing a bankruptcy petition? preparers, or credit counseling agencies for services require		rty to anyone you				
	□ No							
	Yes. Fill in the details.							
	Person Who Was Paid	Description and value of any property	Date payment	Amount of				
	Address Email or website address Person Who Made the Payment, if Not	transferred	or transfer was made	payment				
Offici		rou stement of Financial Affairs for Individuals Filing for Bankruptc	V	page				

Debtor 1 Alfredo Carlos Paul Galaz Debtor 2 Lois May Galaz		Case number (	if known)	
Person Who Was Paid Address Email or website address Person Who Made the Payment, if Not You	Description and value of any propertransferred	erty	Date payment or transfer was made	Amount of payment
Brown Law Firm PC 715 S. Elgin Ave. Tulsa, OK 74120 ron@ronbrownlaw.com	Attorney Fees			\$1,500.00
Evergreen Financial Counseling PO Box 3801 Salem, OR 97302	Credit Counseling Certificate		01/28/2019	\$19.99
17. Within 1 year before you filed for bankruptcy, promised to help you deal with your creditors. Do not include any payment or transfer that you	s or to make payments to your creditor		r transfer any prope	erty to anyone who
Yes. Fill in the details.  Person Who Was Paid  Address	Description and value of any propertransferred	erty	Date payment or transfer was made	Amount of payment
<ul> <li>Within 2 years before you filed for bankruptor transferred in the ordinary course of your bus Include both outright transfers and transfers mad include gifts and transfers that you have already</li> <li>No</li> <li>Yes. Fill in the details.</li> </ul>	siness or financial affairs? de as security (such as the granting of a se			
Person Who Received Transfer Address Person's relationship to you			any property or received or debts change	Date transfer was made
Ruth Galaz  Ex-wife	Worldwide Subsidy, business that was transferred to ex-wife in January of 2018. Business was inactive, \$0 FMV. Collected royalties from TV programs and copyrights.	None		1/1/2018
Kelli Carpenter 1616 S Fir Ave Broken Arrow, OK 74012	Attorney services for daughter during lengthy divorce and custody battle, total fees to date are \$17,000	\$17,000		In installments from January 2018 to date
<ul> <li>19. Within 10 years before you filed for bankrupte beneficiary? (These are often called asset-prote</li> <li>No</li> <li>Yes. Fill in the details.</li> </ul>		elf-settled tru	ıst or similar device	of which you are a
Name of trust	Description and value of the prope	erty transferre	ed	Date Transfer was made

_	otor 1 otor 2	Alfredo Carlos Paul Galaz Lois May Galaz		Case	number (if known)	
Pai	t 8:	List of Certain Financial Accounts, In	struments, Safe Deposit	Boxes, and Storage	Units	
20.	Within 1 year before you filed for bankruptcy, sold, moved, or transferred? Include checking, savings, money market, or houses, pension funds, cooperatives, association No		or other financial accou	nts; certificates of de		, , ,
		e of Financial Institution and Pess (Number, Street, City, State and ZIP	Last 4 digits of account number	Type of account or instrument	Date account was closed, sold, moved, or transferred	Last balance before closing or transfer
21.	cash,	ou now have, or did you have within 1 or other valuables?	year before you filed for	bankruptcy, any safe	e deposit box or other depo	sitory for securities,
		√o Ves. Fill in the details.				
		e of Financial Institution PSS (Number, Street, City, State and ZIP Code)	Who else had acc Address (Number, S State and ZIP Code)		ribe the contents	Do you still have it?
22.	Have	you stored property in a storage unit	or place other than your	home within 1 year I	before you filed for bankrup	tcy?
	_	No Yes. Fill in the details.				
		e of Storage Facility 'ess (Number, Street, City, State and ZIP Code)	Who else has or h to it? Address (Number, S State and ZIP Code)		ribe the contents	Do you still have it?
Pai	t 9:	Identify Property You Hold or Control	for Someone Else			
23.		ou hold or control any property that so omeone.	meone else owns? Incl	ude any property you	borrowed from, are storing	for, or hold in trust
	<b>I</b>	No				
	□ <i>1</i>	es. Fill in the details.				
		er's Name less (Number, Street, City, State and ZIP Code)	Where is the prop (Number, Street, City, S Code)		ribe the property	Value
Pai	t 10:	Give Details About Environmental Info	ormation			
For	the pu	rpose of Part 10, the following definiti	ons apply:			
	toxic	onmental law means any federal, state substances, wastes, or material into t ations controlling the cleanup of these	he air, land, soil, surface	e water, groundwater		
	Site means any location, facility, or property as defined under any environmental law, whether you now own, operate, or utilize it or used to own, operate, or utilize it, including disposal sites.					
		rdous material means anything an env dous material, pollutant, contaminant		as a hazardous waste	e, hazardous substance, tox	ic substance,
Rep	ort all	notices, releases, and proceedings th	at you know about, rega	ardless of when they	occurred.	
24.	Has a	ny governmental unit notified you tha	t you may be liable or po	otentially liable under	r or in violation of an enviro	nmental law?
	_	No ⁄es. Fill in the details.				
	Nam	e of site	Governmental un	it E	nvironmental law, if you	Date of notice

Address (Number, Street, City, State and

ZIP Code)

know it

Address (Number, Street, City, State and ZIP Code)

	tor 1 Alfredo Carlos Paul Galaz tor 2 Lois May Galaz		Case number (if known)							
25.	Have you notified any governmental unit of a	any release of hazardous material?								
	■ No □ Yes. Fill in the details.									
	Name of site Address (Number, Street, City, State and ZIP Code)	Governmental unit Address (Number, Street, City, State and ZIP Code)	Environmental law, if you Date of notice know it							
26.	Have you been a party in any judicial or adm	inistrative proceeding under any envi	ronmental law? Include settlements and orders.							
	■ No □ Yes. Fill in the details.									
	Case Title	Court or aganay	Nature of the case Status of the							
	Case Number	Court or agency Name Address (Number, Street, City, State and ZIP Code)	case							
Par	11: Give Details About Your Business or C	Connections to Any Business								
27.	Within 4 years before you filed for bankrupto	y, did you own a business or have an	y of the following connections to any business?							
	■ A sole proprietor or self-employed in	a trade, profession, or other activity,	either full-time or part-time							
	■ A member of a limited liability compa	any (LLC) or limited liability partnershi	p (LLP)							
	☐ A partner in a partnership	a partnership								
	☐ An officer, director, or managing executive of a corporation									
	☐ An owner of at least 5% of the voting	or equity securities of a corporation								
	☐ No. None of the above applies. Go to Pa	art 12.								
	Yes. Check all that apply above and fill i	in the details below for each business	•							
	Business Name Address (Number, Street, City, State and ZIP Code)	Describe the nature of the business  Name of accountant or bookkeeper	Employer Identification number Do not include Social Security number or ITIN.							
			Dates business existed							
	Segundo Suenos LLC 508 Red Cloud	Royalty holding/collecting company	EIN: 20-3530079							
		Inactive since 2010, closed in 2018	From-To 2005-2018							
	Sole Proprietorship 3901 West Vandalia Street	Contract real estate sales through Coldwell Banker	h EIN:							
	Broken Arrow, OK 74012	Columbia Daimoi	From-To							
28.	Within 2 years before you filed for bankrupto institutions, creditors, or other parties.	y, did you give a financial statement t	o anyone about your business? Include all financial							
	■ No □ Yes. Fill in the details below.									
	Name Address	Date Issued								
	(Number, Street, City, State and ZIP Code)									

Debtor 1	Alfredo Carlos Paul Galaz		
Debtor 2	Lois May Galaz		Case number (if known)
Part 12:	Sign Below		
are true and with a bank	d correct. I understand that making a fa	alse statement	and any attachments, and I declare under penalty of perjury that the answers t, concealing property, or obtaining money or property by fraud in connection prisonment for up to 20 years, or both.
/s/ Alfred	o Carlos Paul Galaz	/s/ Lo	ois May Galaz
Alfredo C	arlos Paul Galaz	Lois I	May Galaz
Signature	of Debtor 1	Signat	ture of Debtor 2
Date Ma	y 24, 2019	Date	May 24, 2019
	ach additional pages to Your Statemen	t of Financial	Affairs for Individuals Filing for Bankruptcy (Official Form 107)?
■ No			
☐ Yes			
Did you pay	y or agree to pay someone who is not a	an attorney to	help you fill out bankruptcy forms?
■ No			
☐ Yes. Nar	ne of Person Attach the Bankrup	tcy Petition Pre	parer's Notice, Declaration, and Signature (Official Form 119).

Fill in this inform	nation to identify your	case:		
Debtor 1	Alfredo Carlos Pa	aul Galaz		
	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	
Debtor 2	Lois May Galaz			
(Spouse if, filing)	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	
United States Bar	nkruptcy Court for the:	NORTHERN DIS	TRICT OF OKLAHOMA	
Case number				
(if known)				☐ Check if this is an amended filing
If you are an indi	nt of Intentio	pter 7, you must fil	viduals Filing Under Chapt	er 7 12/15
you have lease	ver is earlier, unless th	and the lease has n vithin 30 days after	not expired.  You file your bankruptcy petition or by the date see time for cause. You must also send copies to the	
•	ople are filing togethe	r in a joint case, bo	oth are equally responsible for supplying correct i	nformation. Both debtors must
	and accurate as possib our name and case nur		s needed, attach a separate sheet to this form. Or	the top of any additional pages,
Part 1: List Yo	our Creditors Who Hav	e Secured Claims		
			): Creditors Who Have Claims Secured by Propert	y (Official Form 106D), fill in the
information be	low. editor and the property t	hat is collateral	What do you intend to do with the property that	t Did you claim the property
idonally the ore	and the property t	nat io conatoral	secures a debt?	as exempt on Schedule C?
Creditor's <b>G</b>	ateway Mortgage G	roup	☐ Surrender the property.	□ No
name.			<ul><li>☐ Retain the property and redeem it.</li><li>☐ Retain the property and enter into a</li></ul>	■ Yes
Description of	3901 W Vandalia S		Reaffirmation Agreement.	_ 166
property	Arrow, OK 74012 Legal: Subdivision		☐ Retain the property and [explain]:	
securing debt:	GROVE ESTATES			
	<b>BLOCK 1 Section:</b>	17		
	Township: 18 Rar	ıge: 14		
Part 2: List Yo	our Unexpired Persona	I Property Leases		
For any unexpire	d personal property le	ase that you listed	in Schedule G: Executory Contracts and Unexpir	
			nexpired leases are leases that are still in effect; the trustee does not assume it. 11 U.S.C. § 365(p)	
Describe your un	nexpired personal pro	perty leases		Will the lease be assumed?
Lessor's name: Description of lea	sed			□ No
Property:				☐ Yes
Lessor's name:				□ No
Official Form 108		Statement of Ir	ntention for Individuals Filing Under Chanter 7	nage 1

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	scriptio perty:	n of leased						☐ Yes
Des	sor's n scriptio perty:	ame: n of leased						□ No □ Yes
Des	sor's n scriptio perty:	ame: n of leased						□ No □ Yes
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Des Pro	perty:	ame: n of leased Sign Below						□ No □ Yes
Und	er pen	alty of perjury, I	declare that I have indican unexpired lease.	cated my intention a	ibout any	/ property of my estate	e that se	cures a debt and any personal
X		Ifredo Carlos				Lois May Galaz		
		Alfredo Carlos Paul Galaz Signature of Debtor 1				s May Galaz nature of Debtor 2		
	Date	May 24, 2	019		Date	May 24, 2019		

## Notice Required by 11 U.S.C. § 342(b) for Individuals Filing for Bankruptcy (Form 2010)

## This notice is for you if:

You are an individual filing for bankruptcy, and

Your debts are primarily consumer debts. Consumer debts are defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(8) as "incurred by an individual primarily for a personal, family, or household purpose."

## The types of bankruptcy that are available to individuals

Individuals who meet the qualifications may file under one of four different chapters of Bankruptcy Code:

Chapter 7 - Liquidation

Chapter 11 - Reorganization

Chapter 12 - Voluntary repayment plan for family farmers or fishermen

Chapter 13 - Voluntary repayment plan for individuals with regular income

You should have an attorney review your decision to file for bankruptcy and the choice of chapter.

Chapter 7:	Liquidation
\$245	filing fee
\$75	administrative fee
+ \$15	trustee surcharge
\$335	total fee

Chapter 7 is for individuals who have financial difficulty preventing them from paying their debts and who are willing to allow their nonexempt property to be used to pay their creditors. The primary purpose of filing under chapter 7 is to have your debts discharged. The bankruptcy discharge relieves you after bankruptcy from having to pay many of your pre-bankruptcy debts. Exceptions exist for particular debts, and liens on property may still be enforced after discharge. For example, a creditor may have the right to foreclose a home mortgage or repossess an automobile.

However, if the court finds that you have committed certain kinds of improper conduct described in the Bankruptcy Code, the court may deny your discharge.

You should know that even if you file chapter 7 and you receive a discharge, some debts are not discharged under the law. Therefore, you may still be responsible to pay:

most taxes;

most student loans;

domestic support and property settlement obligations;

most fines, penalties, forfeitures, and criminal restitution obligations; and

certain debts that are not listed in your bankruptcy papers.

You may also be required to pay debts arising from:

fraud or theft:

fraud or defalcation while acting in breach of fiduciary capacity;

intentional injuries that you inflicted; and

death or personal injury caused by operating a motor vehicle, vessel, or aircraft while intoxicated from alcohol or drugs.

If your debts are primarily consumer debts, the court can dismiss your chapter 7 case if it finds that you have enough income to repay creditors a certain amount. You must file *Chapter 7 Statement of Your Current Monthly Income* (Official Form 122A–1) if you are an individual filing for bankruptcy under chapter 7. This form will determine your current monthly income and compare whether your income is more than the median income that applies in your state.

If your income is not above the median for your state, you will not have to complete the other chapter 7 form, the *Chapter 7 Means Test Calculation* (Official Form 122A–2).

If your income is above the median for your state, you must file a second form —the *Chapter 7 Means Test Calculation* (Official Form 122A–2). The calculations on the form— sometimes called the *Means Test*—deduct from your income living expenses and payments on certain debts to determine any amount available to pay unsecured creditors. If

your income is more than the median income for your state of residence and family size, depending on the results of the *Means Test*, the U.S. trustee, bankruptcy administrator, or creditors can file a motion to dismiss your case under § 707(b) of the Bankruptcy Code. If a motion is filed, the court will decide if your case should be dismissed. To avoid dismissal, you may choose to proceed under another chapter of the Bankruptcy Code.

If you are an individual filing for chapter 7 bankruptcy, the trustee may sell your property to pay your debts, subject to your right to exempt the property or a portion of the proceeds from the sale of the property. The property, and the proceeds from property that your bankruptcy trustee sells or liquidates that you are entitled to, is called *exempt property*. Exemptions may enable you to keep your home, a car, clothing, and household items or to receive some of the proceeds if the property is sold.

Exemptions are not automatic. To exempt property, you must list it on *Schedule C: The Property You Claim as Exempt* (Official Form 106C). If you do not list the property, the trustee may sell it and pay all of the proceeds to your creditors.

### **Chapter 11: Reorganization**

\$1,167 filing fee

+ \$550 administrative fee \$1,717 total fee

Chapter 11 is often used for reorganizing a business, but is also available to individuals. The provisions of chapter 11 are too complicated to summarize briefly.

### **Read These Important Warnings**

Because bankruptcy can have serious long-term financial and legal consequences, including loss of your property, you should hire an attorney and carefully consider all of your options before you file. Only an attorney can give you legal advice about what can happen as a result of filing for bankruptcy and what your options are. If you do file for bankruptcy, an attorney can help you fill out the forms properly and protect you, your family, your home, and your possessions.

Although the law allows you to represent yourself in bankruptcy court, you should understand that many people find it difficult to represent themselves successfully. The rules are technical, and a mistake or inaction may harm you. If you file without an attorney, you are still responsible for knowing and following all of the legal requirements.

You should not file for bankruptcy if you are not eligible to file or if you do not intend to file the necessary documents.

Bankruptcy fraud is a serious crime; you could be fined and imprisoned if you commit fraud in your bankruptcy case. Making a false statement, concealing property, or obtaining money or property by fraud in connection with a bankruptcy case can result in fines up to \$250,000, or imprisonment for up to 20 years, or both. 18 U.S.C. §§ 152, 1341, 1519, and 3571.

## Chapter 12: Repayment plan for family farmers or fishermen

	\$200	filing fee
+	\$75	administrative fee
	\$275	total fee

Similar to chapter 13, chapter 12 permits family farmers and fishermen to repay their debts over a period of time using future earnings and to discharge some debts that are not paid.

## Chapter 13: Repayment plan for individuals with regular income

	\$235	filing fee
+	\$75	administrative fee
	\$310	total fee

Chapter 13 is for individuals who have regular income and would like to pay all or part of their debts in installments over a period of time and to discharge some debts that are not paid. You are eligible for chapter 13 only if your debts are not more than certain dollar amounts set forth in 11 U.S.C. § 109.

Under chapter 13, you must file with the court a plan to repay your creditors all or part of the money that you owe them, usually using your future earnings. If the court approves your plan, the court will allow you to repay your debts, as adjusted by the plan, within 3 years or 5 years, depending on your income and other factors.

After you make all the payments under your plan, many of your debts are discharged. The debts that are not discharged and that you may still be responsible to pay include:

domestic support obligations,

most student loans,

certain taxes,

debts for fraud or theft,

debts for fraud or defalcation while acting in a fiduciary capacity,

most criminal fines and restitution obligations,

certain debts that are not listed in your bankruptcy papers,

certain debts for acts that caused death or personal injury, and

certain long-term secured debts.

### Warning: File Your Forms on Time

Section 521(a)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code requires that you promptly file detailed information about your creditors, assets, liabilities, income, expenses and general financial condition. The court may dismiss your bankruptcy case if you do not file this information within the deadlines set by the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules, and the local rules of the court.

For more information about the documents and their deadlines, go to: <a href="http://www.uscourts.gov/bkforms/bankruptcy\_forms.html">http://www.uscourts.gov/bkforms/bankruptcy\_forms.html</a>#procedure.

#### Bankruptcy crimes have serious consequences

If you knowingly and fraudulently conceal assets or make a false oath or statement under penalty of perjury—either orally or in writing—in connection with a bankruptcy case, you may be fined, imprisoned, or both.

All information you supply in connection with a bankruptcy case is subject to examination by the Attorney General acting through the Office of the U.S. Trustee, the Office of the U.S. Attorney, and other offices and employees of the U.S. Department of Justice.

### Make sure the court has your mailing address

The bankruptcy court sends notices to the mailing address you list on *Voluntary Petition for Individuals Filing for Bankruptcy* (Official Form 101). To ensure that you receive information about your case, Bankruptcy Rule 4002 requires that you notify the court of any changes in your address.

A married couple may file a bankruptcy case together—called a *joint case*. If you file a joint case and each spouse lists the same mailing address on the bankruptcy petition, the bankruptcy court generally will mail you and your spouse one copy of each notice, unless you file a statement with the court asking that each spouse receive separate copies.

## Understand which services you could receive from credit counseling agencies

The law generally requires that you receive a credit counseling briefing from an approved credit counseling agency. 11 U.S.C. § 109(h). If you are filing a joint case, both spouses must receive the briefing. With limited exceptions, you must receive it within the 180 days *before* you file your bankruptcy petition. This briefing is usually conducted by telephone or on the Internet.

In addition, after filing a bankruptcy case, you generally must complete a financial management instructional course before you can receive a discharge. If you are filing a joint case, both spouses must complete the course.

You can obtain the list of agencies approved to provide both the briefing and the instructional course from: http://justice.gov/ust/eo/hapcpa/ccde/cc\_approved.html

In Alabama and North Carolina, go to: <a href="http://www.uscourts.gov/FederalCourts/Bankruptcy/BankruptcyResources/ApprovedCredit">http://www.uscourts.gov/FederalCourts/Bankruptcy/BankruptcyResources/ApprovedCredit</a> AndDebtCounselors.aspx.

If you do not have access to a computer, the clerk of the bankruptcy court may be able to help you obtain the list. B2030 (Form 2030) (12/15)

## United States Bankruptcy Court Northern District of Oklahoma

In r	Alfredo Carlos Paul Galaz re Lois May Galaz	Case No.	
	Debtor(s)	Chapter	7
	DISCLOSURE OF COMPENSATION OF ATTORNEY	FOR DE	EBTOR(S)
1.	Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 329(a) and Fed. Bankr. P. 2016(b), I certify that I am the attorney for the compensation paid to me within one year before the filing of the petition in bankruptcy, or agree be rendered on behalf of the debtor(s) in contemplation of or in connection with the bankruptcy of the debtor of	d to be paid	to me, for services rendered or to
	For legal services, I have agreed to accept \$		1,500.00
	Prior to the filing of this statement I have received \$		1,500.00
	Balance Due \$		0.00
2.	The source of the compensation paid to me was:		
	■ Debtor □ Other (specify):		
3.	The source of compensation to be paid to me is:		
	■ Debtor □ Other (specify):		
4.	■ I have not agreed to share the above-disclosed compensation with any other person unless the	ey are mem	bers and associates of my law firm.
	☐ I have agreed to share the above-disclosed compensation with a person or persons who are n copy of the agreement, together with a list of the names of the people sharing in the compen		
5. In return for the above-disclosed fee, I have agreed to render legal service for all aspects of the bankruptcy cas		ase, including:	
	<ul> <li>a. Analysis of the debtor's financial situation, and rendering advice to the debtor in determining</li> <li>b. Preparation and filing of any petition, schedules, statement of affairs and plan which may be</li> <li>c. Representation of the debtor at the meeting of creditors and confirmation hearing, and any add. [Other provisions as needed]</li> </ul>	required;	
	Exemption planning; preparation and filing of reaffirmation agreements at creditors. In addition to portion of fee paid as stated herein, the court's fi party has been paid by client(s).  Also, debtor have been advised they have no legal obligation to pay any contents.	ling fee an	d a credit report fee for each
	of bankrutpcy filing and that payments post-petition are strictly voluntary		3

6. By agreement with the debtor(s), the above-disclosed fee does not include the following service:

By agreement with the debtor(s), the above-disclosed fee does not include the following services: Representation of the debtors in any dischargeability actions, judicial lien avoidances, relief from stay actions, 2004 exams or any other adversary or contested matter/proceeding. In Chapter 13 Bankruptcy Cases, attorney time, legal assistant time, and expenses will be billed against the file at the rate of \$275.00 per hour for attorney time, \$75.00 per hour for legal assistant time (or the firm's current billing rates), and actual expenses. If such time and expenses exceed the amount stated above, an application to the Court may be made for additional fees and expenses to be paid through the Chapter 13 Plan or by the Debtor(s) as the Court orders may provide.

Client may use the services of 722redemption.com to providing funding for redemptions of vehicles; debtor will

borrow \$700 from 722redemption.com to pay attorney fees for attorney fees to obtain redemption.

In re	Alfredo Carlos Paul Galaz Lois May Galaz		Case No.	
	D	ebtor(s)		

## **DISCLOSURE OF COMPENSATION OF ATTORNEY FOR DEBTOR(S)**

(Continuation Sheet)

	CERTIFICATION		
I certify that the foregoing is a complete stat this bankruptcy proceeding.	ement of any agreement or arrangement for payment to me for representation of the debtor(s) in		
May 24, 2019	/s/ Ron D. Brown OBA		
Date	Ron D. Brown OBA 16352		
	Signature of Attorney		
	Brown Law Firm PC		
	715 S. Elgin Ave.		
	Tulsa, OK 74120		
	918-585-9500 Fax: 866-552-4874		
	ron@ronbrownlaw.com		
	Name of law firm		

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## **United States Bankruptcy Court** Northern District of Oklahoma

In re	Alfredo Carlos Paul Galaz Lois May Galaz		Case No.
111.10	Lois way Galaz	Debtor(s)	Chapter 7
	VERIFICATION	AS TO OFFICIAL CRED	OITOR LIST
		Original	
		Amendment	
		Add □ Delete	
			creditors submitted either on the Creditor is a true, correct and complete listing to the
	I further acknowledge that (1) the accuracy asibility of the debtor and the debtor's attorned various schedules and statements required	ney, (2) the court will rely on	the creditor listing for all mailings, and (3)
delete delete	d at this time. (For verification purposes,		number of creditors being added or to be s being submitted, uploaded, or to be
		creditors added)	
Metho		ication (to be used by Pro Se r available in the Clerk's Off	filers, found on the Court's website at ice)
/s/ Alfı	redo Carlos Paul Galaz	/s/ Lois May Galaz	
Debto	or Signature	Joint Debtor Signature	
Addre	ess:(if not represented by an attorney)	Address:(if not represe	ented by an attorney)
Phone	e:(if not represented by an attorney)	Phone:(if not represen	ted by an attorney)
/s/ Roi	n D. Brown OBA	Date: <b>May 24, 2019</b>	
	ney Signature		
	). Brown OBA 16352 n Law Firm PC	[Check if applicable]	ion oddusosa included
	Elgin Ave.	Creditors with fore	eign addresses included
Tulsa, 918-58	OK 74120-0000 35-9500		
	52-4874 ronbrownlaw.com		
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Alert 360 3158 S. 108th Street Suite 220 Tulsa, OK 74146

Bank Of America 4909 Savarese Circle Fl1-908-01-50 Tampa, FL 33634

Capital One Attn: Bankruptcy Po Box 30285 Salt Lake City, UT 84130

Cox Communications PO Box 21039 Tulsa, OK 74121-1039

Credit Card Services Attn: Bankruptcy Dept P. O. Box 7054 Bridgeport, CT 06601

Gateway Mortgage Group Attn: Bankruptcy Dept. 244 S Gateway Place Jenks, OK 74037

Pentagon Federal Credit Union Po Box 1432 Alexandria, VA 22313 FORM 1007-1F (10/07)

## **United States Bankruptcy Court** Northern District of Oklahoma

In re	Alfredo Carlos Paul Galaz Lois May Galaz		Case No.
		Debtor(s)	Chapter <b>7</b>
	PAYME	ENT ADVICES CERTIFICAT	TION
	(NOTE: A separate f	form must be filed by <b>each</b> debto	or in a joint case)
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## Office of the Secretary of State

## **CERTIFICATE OF FILING OF**

## WORLDWIDE SUBSIDY GROUP LLC

File Number: 704877122 Assumed Name: Multigroup Claimants

The undersigned, as Secretary of State of Texas, hereby certifies that the assumed name certificate for the above named entity has been received in this office and filed as provided by law on the date shown below.

ACCORDINGLY the undersigned, as Secretary of State, and by virtue of the authority vested in the secretary by law hereby issues this Certificate of Filing.

Dated: 01/06/2020

Effective: 01/06/2020

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## ASSUMED NAME CERTIFICATE FOR FILING WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE

1. The assumed name under which the business or professional service is or is to be conducted or rendered is:

## **Multigroup Claimants**

2. The name of the entity as stated in its certificate of formation, application for registration, or comparable document is:

### **WORLDWIDE SUBSIDY GROUP LLC**

- 3. The state, country, or other jurisdiction under the laws of which it was incorporated, organized or associated is **TEXAS**
- 4. The period, not to exceed 10 years, during which the assumed name will be used is: **01/05/2030**
- 5. The entity is a : Domestic Limited Liability Company (LLC)
- 6. The entity's principal office address is:

132 Perry Ct., San Antonio, TX, USA 78209

7. The county or counties where business or professional services are being or are to be conducted or rendered under such assumed name are:

#### **ALL COUNTIES**

8. The undersigned, if acting in the capacity of an attorney-in-fact of the entity, certifies that the entity has duly authorized the attorney-in-fact in writing to execute this document. The undersigned signs this document subject to the penalties imposed by law for the submission of a materially false or fraudulent instrument.

## **WORLDWIDE SUBSIDY GROUP LLC**

Name of the entity

By: Ruth Galaz

Signature of officer, general partner, manager, representative or attorney-in-fact of the entity

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# Before the COPYRIGHT ROYALTY JUDGES Washington, D.C.

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## ALFRED GALAZ DECLARATION IN SUPPORT OF MULTIGROUP CLAIMANTS' OPPOSITION TO SETTLING DEVOTIONAL CLAIMANTS' MOTION FOR ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE.

- I, ALFRED GALAZ, declare and state as follows:
- 1. I submit this declaration in support of Multigroup Claimants'

  Opposition to Settling Devotional Claimants' Motion for Order to Show Cause.

  The following facts are within my personal knowledge, and if called upon I could and would testify competently thereto.
- 2. I have read the Settling Devotional Claimants' ("SDC") *Motion for*Order to Show Cause, and take extraordinary offense to it. The SDC have asserted that the Certificate of Ownership to Multigroup Claimants, filed by me in Bell County, Texas in January 2015, and executed by me before a notary public, may be a "forgery." It is not a forgery, nor has any person ever previously suggested that

it might be the case. In order to further clarify such fact, I am executing this declaration before a notary public, and the Copyright Royalty Judges may easily make comparison between the signature on the Certificate of Ownership and this document.

- 3. I understand that the SDC has also alleged that statements set forth in a bankruptcy petition filed in May 2019 are inconsistent with statements previously made to the Copyright Royalty Judges. This is also incorrect. Specifically, the SDC has asserted that my failure to identify "Multigroup Claimants" in that petition was inconsistent with my prior use of the name "Multigroup Claimants" as an assumed name. However, I was specifically advised by my bankruptcy legal counsel that because Multigroup Claimants was a sole proprietorship that had never been assigned an Employer Identification Number, there was no obligation or expectation to report "Multigroup Claimants" in my bankruptcy petition.
- 4. Notwithstanding, even if I had been required to identify "Multigroup Claimants" in my bankruptcy petition, I had already transferred all interests held by it into Worldwide Subsidy Group, LLC, which adopted "Multigroup Claimants" as an assumed name. At the time of such transfer, I owned 99% of Worldwide Subsidy Group, LLC, and effective January 1, 2018 transferred all of my interest in that entity.

5. The SDC motion makes reference to an unattached "Public Information Report" in the State of Texas for Worldwide Subsidy Group, LLC. According to the SDC, "Alfred Galaz appears to have signed" that document, which document characterizes me as a co-owner of Worldwide Subsidy Group, LLC during 2018. Because the SDC failed to attach that document, it was procured by WSG, and I have now had an opportunity to review it. Contrary to the assertion of the SDC, my signature does not appear on such document, nor the "signature" of any person. Moreover, I was never an owner of Worldwide Subsidy Group, LLC during 2018. In fact, I had never previously seen such document, was not aware of such document, and am confident that no member of Worldwide Subsidy Group, LLC prepared or filed such document.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed this 9th day of January, 2020, at Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Alfred Galaz

## Acknowledgement - Oklahoma Individual Acknowledgement

State of OKLAHOMA County of TULSA
On this 9th day of January , in the year 20 20 before me, LAYNE TRUMAN personally appeared, ALFRED GALAZ . Personally known or proved to me based on satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) whose name is/are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me for the purpose stated therein. I witness my hand and official seal.
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## Before the COPYRIGHT ROYALTY JUDGES The Library of Congress

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# DECLARATION OF EVA-MARIE NYE IN SUPPORT OF SETTLING DEVOTIONAL CLAIMANTS' REPLY IN SUPPORT OF MOTION FOR ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE WHY MULTIGROUP CLAIMANTS SHOULD NOT BE DISQUALIFIED AS AN AGENT TO RECEIVE FUNDS ON BEHALF OF CLAIMANTS

- I, Eva-Marie Nye, hereby state and declare as follows:
- 1. I am the Director of Research Services for the law firm Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP.
- 2. In my prior declaration, I testified that "[t]he Public Information Report for the Texas company [Worldwide Subsidy Group LLC] shows that it is an active company and that its 'partners' are Alfred Galaz and Ruth Galaz. Alfred Galaz appears to have signed the most recent filing, dated June 23, 2018."
- 3. I have reviewed Alfred Galaz's Declaration in Support of Multigroup Claimants' Opposition to Settling Devotional Claimants Motion for Order to Show Cause in which he testifies:

Contrary to the assertion of the SDC, my signature does not appear on such document [the Public Information Report], nor the 'signature' of any person. Moreover, I was never an owner of Worldwide Subsidy Group, LLC during 2018. In fact, I had never previously seen such document, was not aware of such document, and am confident that no member of Worldwide Subsidy Group, LLC prepared or filed such document.

4. I have also reviewed Multigroup Claimants' Opposition to Settling Devotional Claimants Motion for Order to Show Cause, in which Multigroup Claimants states:

WSG can only speculate regarding how such document came into existence (presumably the product of some automatic filing), but is continuing to investigate.

- 5. Attached hereto as Exhibits A, B, and C, respectively, are Worldwide Subsidy Group, LLC's three most recent Public Information Reports for 2016, 2017, and 2018, available online through the website of the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts. No Public Information Report appears for 2019.
- 6. Each form is clearly marked with a notice to "Please sign below! This report must be signed to satisfy tax requirements." At the bottom of each form, there is a box requiring the signatory to "sign here," beneath a box that states: "I declare that the information in this document and any attachments is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, as of the date below, and that a copy of this report has been mailed to each person named in this report who is an officer, director, general partner or manager and who is not currently employed by this or a related corporation, LLC, LP, PA or financial institution."
- 7. I have examined the Public Information Report form that is available for filers to download and fill out. There is no option to populate the signature box of the form automatically.
- 8. Each of the Public Information Reports for 2016 and 2017 lists Denise Vernon as a "Member" and Brian Boydston in an unstated capacity. The Public Information Report for 2016 contains a typewritten signature that reads "DENISE G VER DENISE G VERNON" dated September 13, 2016. The Public Information Report for 2017 contains a handwritten signature that appears to read "Denise Vernon" dated September 11, 2017.

- 9. The Public Information Report for 2018 contains information that differs from the two previous filings, listing Alfred Galaz and Ruth Galaz, each with the title of "Partner." The Public Information Report for 2018 contains a typewritten signature that reads "Alfred Galaz," with the title of "Member," dated June 23, 2018. No other Public Information Report online for Worldwide Subsidy Group, LLC lists Alfred Galaz as a partner or member, or contains Alfred Galaz's signature.
- 10. A page attached to the Public Information Report for 2018 appears to show that it was transmitted by ProSeries, a brand of desktop tax preparation software hosted by Intuit, Inc., the same company that owns other well-known desktop accounting applications like Quickbooks and TurboTax.

I hereby declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed January 14, 2020, in Washington, District of Columbia.

Eva-Ya-Me Eva-Marie Nye

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#### **Texas Franchise Tax Public Information Report**

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DISTRIBUTION OF SATELLITE ROYALTY FUNDS

### DECLARATION OF EVA-MARIE NYE IN SUPPORT OF SETTLING DEVOTIONAL CLAIMANTS' FURTHER BRIEFING IN RESPONSE TO MULTIGROUP CLAIMANTS' RESPONSE TO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

I, Eva-Marie Nye, hereby state and declare as follows:

- 1. I am the Director of Research Services for the law firm Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP.
- 2. At the request of counsel for the Settling Devotional Claimants, I conducted a search for Ryan Galaz's name in state incorporation records. The only business I found that appeared to be associated with Ryan Galaz is RTG, LLC, which is organized in Florida. Attached hereto is a true and correct copy of the records relating to RTG, LLC that are publicly available online through the Division of Corporations of the Office of the Secretary of State of Florida.

I hereby declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed March 11, 2020, in Washington, District of Columbia.

Eva-Marie Nye



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Florida Limited Liability Company

RTG, LLC

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**Registered Agent Name & Address** 

PARACORP INCORPORATED 155 OFFICE PLAZA DRIVE

1ST FLOOR

TALLAHASSEE, FL 32301

Name Changed: 12/17/2018

Address Changed: 12/17/2018

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Having been named as registered agent and to accept service of process for the above stated limited liability company at the place designated in this certificate, I hereby accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity. I further agree to comply with the provisions of all statutes relating to the proper and complete performance of my duties, and I am familiar with and accept the obligations of my position as registered agent as provided for in Chapter 605, F.S..

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DOCUMENT# L16000181862

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**Current Mailing Address:** 

2421 LAKE PANCOAST DR., #6A MIAMI BEACH, FL 33140 US

FEI Number: 81-5086026 Certificate of Status Desired: No

Name and Address of Current Registered Agent:

BADIHIAN, EVELYN 2421 LAKE PANCOAST DR., #6A MIAMI BEACH, FL 33140 US

The above named entity submits this statement for the purpose of changing its registered office or registered agent, or both, in the State of Florida.

SIGNATURE:

Electronic Signature of Registered Agent

Date

FILED Feb 06, 2017

**Secretary of State** 

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#### Authorized Person(s) Detail:

Title AMBR

Name GALAZ, RYAN

Address 2421 LAKE PANCOAST DR., #6A

City-State-Zip: MIAMI BEACH FL 33140

I hereby certify that the information indicated on this report or supplemental report is true and accurate and that my electronic signature shall have the same legal effect as if made under oath; that I am a managing member or manager of the limited liability company or the receiver or trustee empowered to execute this report as required by Chapter 605, Florida Statutes; and that my name appears above, or on an attachment with all other like empowered.

SIGNATURE: RYAN GALAZ MANAGING MEMBER 02/06/2017

Electronic Signature of Signing Authorized Person(s) Detail

Date

#### 2018 FLORIDA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY ANNUAL REPORT

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SIGNATURE:

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Date

FILED Mar 28, 2018

**Secretary of State** 

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SIGNATURE: RYAN GALAZ MEMBER 03/28/2018

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#### STATEMENT OF CHANGE OF REGISTERED OFFICE OR REGISTERED AGENT OR BOTH FOR LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Pursuant to the provisions of sections 605.0114 or 605.0116, Florida Statutes, the undersigned limited liability company submits the following statement in order to change its registered office or registered agent, or both, in the State of Florida.

1. N	ame of the limited liability company: RTG, LLC	<del></del>		
2. (a)	2421 Lake Pancoast Dr.	(b)		
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	155 Office Plaza Drive, 1st Floor			
	155 Office Plaza Drive, 1st Floor NEW Registered Office Address:			

If the limited liability company is not organized under the laws of the State of Florida, it is hereby confirmed that after the change or changes are made, the Florida street address of the registered office and the business office of the registered agent will be identical. Or, in the case of a Florida limited liability company, it is hereby confirmed that the change(s) was/were authorized by an affirmative vote of the members of the limited liability company or as otherwise provided in the articles of organization or the operating agreement of the limited liability company.

Signature of a member or authorized representative of a member

Ryan Galaz

Printed or typed name of signee

I hereby accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity. I further agree to comply with the provisions of all statutes relative to the proper and complete performance of my duties, and I am familiar with and accept the obligations of my position as registered agent as provided for in Chapter 605, F.S. Or, if this document is being filed to merely reflect a change in the registered office address, I hereby confirm that the limited liability company has been notified in writing of this change.

Signature of Registered Agent

#### STATE OF FLORIDA

#### REGISTERED AGENT CONSENT FORM

DATE:

ENTITY NAME:

#### REGISTERED AGENT NAME AND ADDRESS:

Paracorp Incorporated 155 Office Plaza Drive, 1st Floor Tallahassee, FL 32301

Paracorp Incorporated, having been designated to act as Statutory Agent, hereby consents to act in the capacity for the above-referenced entity until removed or resignation is submitted in accordance with the Florida Revised Statues.

Leticia Herrera, Assistant Secretary

Paracorp Incorporated

#### 2019 FLORIDA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY ANNUAL REPORT

DOCUMENT# L16000181862

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PARACORP INCORPORATED 155 OFFICE PLAZA DRIVE 1ST FLOOR TALLAHASSEE, FL 32301 US

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SIGNATURE:

Electronic Signature of Registered Agent

Date

FILED Feb 05, 2019

**Secretary of State** 

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Authorized Person(s) Detail:

Title AMBR

Name GALAZ, RYAN

SIGNATURE: RYAN GALAZ

Address 2421 LAKE PANCOAST DR., #6A

City-State-Zip: MIAMI BEACH FL 33140

I hereby certify that the information indicated on this report or supplemental report is true and accurate and that my electronic signature shall have the same legal effect as if made under oath; that I am a managing member or manager of the limited liability company or the receiver or trustee empowered to execute this report as required by Chapter 605, Florida Statutes; and that my name appears above, or on an attachment with all other like empowered.

Electronic Signature of Signing Authorized Person(s) Detail

02/05/2019 Date

MANAGING MEMBER

#### 2020 FLORIDA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY ANNUAL REPORT

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SIGNATURE:

Electronic Signature of Registered Agent

Date

FILED Jan 21, 2020

**Secretary of State** 

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Authorized Person(s) Detail:

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SIGNATURE: RYAN GALAZ AMBR 01/21/2020

Electronic Signature of Signing Authorized Person(s) Detail

Date

#### **DECLARATION OF RYAN T. GALAZ**

I, RYAN GALAZ, declare and state as follows:

- 1. I am a principal of RTG, LLC, the plaintiff in this action. I submit this declaration in support of Plaintiff RTG, LLC's Request for Entry of Default Judgment. The following facts are within my personal knowledge, and if called upon I could and would testify competently thereto.
- 2. This action for conversion and money had and received arises out of a judgment rendered on November 12, 2010, in an adversary proceeding by the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Texas, San Antonio Division ("BCWD"), which was subsequently reversed, in part, on appeal to the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeal.
- 3. Specifically, judgment was entered by the BCWD in favor of Defendant Julian Jackson ("Jackson") and Lisa Ann Galaz ("LAG"), against Segundo Suenos, LLC, a Texas limited liability company ("SSL"), whereby Jackson and LAG were awarded substantial damages, two-thirds of which was allocated to Jackson. See Exhibit A. That decision was appealed. However, during the pendency of the appeal, BCWD appointed a receiver over SSL for the benefit of Jackson and LAG in order to collect royalties that were the subject of the judgment. See Exhibit B. Ultimately, \$69,211 in fees were incurred for the receiver, accounting costs and interpleader fees, all of which was assessed against SSL. See Exhibits C, D, E. A summary of the assessed costs and fees is attached hereto as Exhibit F. In addition, \$17,244 was dispersed to Jackson by the receiver appointed by BCWD. See Exhibit E.
- 4. On August 25, 2014, the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals reversed the BCWD ruling and judgment in favor of Jackson. See Exhibits G, H, I.
- 5. Since then, Jackson has failed to return the \$17,244 which was paid to him, or re-pay SSL his two thirds share of the \$69,211 fees and costs incurred in

fact that Jackson is fully aware of the ruling by the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeal and demand for return of the monies has been made on him. See Exhibit J.

- 6. In January 2015, SSL transferred its rights against Jackson to Alfred Galaz. On October 3, 2016, Alfred Galaz transferred those same rights against Jackson to Plaintiff, RTG, LLC.
- 7. Plaintiff is, and at all times mentioned herein was, a Florida limited liability company with a principle place of business in the State of Florida, in the County of Miami-Dade.
- 8. Plaintiff is informed and believes that Defendant Jackson is, and at all times mentioned herein was, a resident of the State of California, in the County of Los Angeles.
- 9. Jackson converted Plaintiff's money to his own purposes, specifically by receiving \$17,244 pursuant to the BCWD judgment which was later overturned on appeal, and causing SSL to incur and pay \$69,211 in fees and costs in connection with enforcing the BCWD judgment, and then refusing to return such monies after the BCWD judgment was overturned by the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeal.
- 10. As a direct and proximate result of said conversion and the wrongful acts alleged herein, Plaintiff has suffered damages in the amount of \$17,244, plus \$46,140 (two thirds of \$69,211), for a total of \$63,384.
- 11. Jackson became indebted to SSL for money had and received from the assets of SSL, Plaintiff's predecessor in interest, in the amount of \$63,384, and such monies belong to Plaintiff as SSL's successor in interest.
- 12. Neither the whole nor any part of the above sum has been paid, notwithstanding that demand therefore has been made, and there is now due and unpaid from Jackson to Plaintiff, as SSL's successor in interest, the sum of \$63,384.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed this 18th day of July, 2017, at Cambridge. Massachusetts.

Ryan T. Galaz

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### Exhibit A

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The relief described hereinbelow is SO ORDERED.

Signed November 12, 2010.



Ronald B. King United States Chief Bankruptcy Judge

#### IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS SANANTONIO DIVISION

IN RE:	.§.	
LISA ANN GALAZ,	9	CASE No. 07-53287-RBK
DEBTOR	\$ \$ 8	CHAPTER 13
LISA ANN GALAZ		
vs,	\$ \$	Adversary No. 08-5043-rbk
RAUL GALAZ, ALFREDO GALAZ, SEGUNDO SUENOS, LLC	9 9	

#### JUDGMENT

On February 22, 2010, came on to be heard the above-styled adversary proceeding for trial on the merits. The parties, Lisa Galaz, Raul Galaz, Alfredo Galaz, Segundo Suenos, LLC, and Julian Jackson appeared and announced ready. After hearing the evidence and argument of the parties, the Court is of the opinion that judgment should be rendered in favor of Lisa Galaz and Julian Jackson against Raul Galaz, Alfredo Galaz, and Segundo Suenos, LLC, as provided in the decretal portions

of this Judgment, for the reasons stated in the Opinion rendered contemporaneously herewith pursuant to Rule 7052 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure.

It is, therefore, ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Plaintiff, Lisa Galaz, recover the amount of \$500,000 of and from Raul Galaz and Segundo Suenos, LLC, jointly and severally; \$250,000 as actual damages, plus the sum of \$250,000 as exemplary damages, for a total of \$500,000.

It is further Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed that Julian Jackson recover the amount of \$1,000,000 of and from Raul Galaz and Segundo Suenos, LLC, jointly and severally; \$500,000 as actual damages, plus the sum of \$500,000 as exemplary damages, for a total of \$1,000,000.

It is further ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that all royalty and other rights to the music of the Ohio Players previously owned by Artist Rights Foundation, LLC, or Segundo Suenos, LLC, shall be owned 50 percent by Julian Jackson; 25 percent by Lisa Galaz; and 25 percent by Raul Galaz, as an economic interest only; provided, however, that all proceeds attributable to Raul Galaz's 25 percent share shall be paid to Jackson and Lisa Galaz until their actual and exemplary damages awarded in this Judgment are satisfied.

It is further Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed that the preliminary injunction previously granted on May 9, 2008, in this adversary proceeding will be made permanent. Defendants, Raul Galaz, Alfredo Galaz, and Segundo Suenos, LLC, are Ordered not to spend, dissipate or transfer any funds or assets of Segundo Suenos, LLC. In addition, Defendants are Ordered, within ten days, to turn over all such assets, records, and evidence of their ownership to Julian Jackson and Lisa Galaz as co-owners of the royalties and other assets. The Court also hereby Orders Raul Galaz,

Segundo Suenos, Alfredo Carlos Galaz, and anyone acting in active concert with any of them with knowledge of this Preliminary Injunction not to dismiss, compromise, settle, assign, or in any way prejudice any of the rights, claims or litigation of Segundo Suenos, including specifically (but without limitation) any right or claim asserted by Segundo Suenos in any of the following civil actions:

- 1. Case No. BC366409; Segundo Suenos, LLC v. Warner-Chappell Music, Inc. et al., in the Superior Court of the State of California, County of Los Angeles, Central Division.
- Case No. BC358422 and/or BC355571; Segundo Suenos, LLC v. Tracy Draper et al.and/or Ray Gaddis, et al., in the Superior Court of the State of California, County of Los Angeles, Central Division.

The rights, claims, litigation, and all records thereof shall be turned over to Lisa Galaz and Julian Jackson. Any failure to comply with this Judgment will be punishable by contempt.

Costs of court are taxed against Raul Galaz, for which execution shall issue. Lisa Galaz is awarded attorney's fees for a successful action under TUFTA. Tex. Bus. & Comm. Code § 24.013. Lisa Galaz's attorneys may submit a postjudgment affidavit concerning attorney's fees within fourteen days.

Any relief not specifically granted herein is denied.

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# **EXHIBIT B**

The relief described hereinbelow is SO ORDERED.

Signed January 19, 2011.



Ronald B. King
United States Chief Bankruptcy Judge

#### UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS SAN ANTONIO DIVISION

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§	Case No. 07-53287 rbk
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§	Adversary No. 08-05043-rbk
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On January 4, 2011, the Court held an evidentiary hearing and considered the post-judgment Motion of Lisa Galaz for Turnover of Assets and/or for Writ of Execution. The Court hereby grants the Motion, and ORDERS, ADJUDGES, AND DECREES as follows.

- 1. John Patrick Lowe is hereby appointed as a Receiver to receive, manage, collect, and/or sell the property described more fully below in this Order for the benefit of Lisa Galaz and Julian Jackson, the judgment creditors under the Judgment in this Adversary Proceeding signed on November 12, 2010 (below, the "Judgment"). The Receiver is hereby given all of the authority provided by law as a receiver under Section 31.002 of the Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code and/or all authority delegable by this Court to a Receiver for collection and enforcement of its judgments.
- 2. Whenever in this Order the Court refers to the Receiver paying money over to Lisa Galaz, the payment should be made to the Chapter 13 trustee of her bankruptcy estate pending further order of this Court. Whenever in this Order the Court refers to the Receiver paying money over to Julian Jackson, the payment should be made directly to Julian Jackson.
- 3. Lisa Galaz shall have and recover from Raul Galaz and Segundo Suenos, LLC, jointly and severally, the sum of \$1,500.00 as a reasonable fee for the necessary legal services of her counsel in preparing and presenting the Motion for Turnover Relief in this Court.
- 4. Segundo Suenos, LLC and Raul Galaz shall immediately turn over to the Receiver the 2006 Hummer LL motor vehicle with vehicle identification number 5GRGN22U56H118243 (the "Hummer") along with the original certificate of title for the

Hummer. The lien claimed by Raul Galaz on the Texas certificate of title for the Hummer is hereby transferred to the Receiver along with the debt claimed by Raul Galaz to be secured by that lien. The title to the Hummer and the lien claimed by Raul Galaz are hereby merged into the Receiver. The Receiver is authorized to apply for and obtain a certificate of title removing the lien claimed by Raul Galaz and to sell the Hummer and to deliver title to the Hummer to a buyer free and clear of any and all liens. The Receiver is directed to take possession of the Hummer and to sell it in a commercially reasonable manner and to pay the net sale proceeds to Julian Jackson and to Lisa Galaz as their interests appear in the Judgment. "Net sale proceeds," as used in this Order, means the sale proceeds remaining after deduction Court approved for sale expenses and the Receiver's fee for services. As provided in paragraph 11 below, the Receiver's approved fees and expenses for his services in selling the Hummer are costs of Court assessed against Raul Galaz and Segundo Suenos, LLC jointly and severally for which execution shall issue as necessary.

5. Segundo Suenos and Raul Galaz shall immediately turn over to the Receiver possession and custody of the Equipment – *i.e.*, the computers, monitors, keyboards, and computer mice – described by the Order Granting Debtor's Motion for Turnover in re Jon Philip Monson, II (or John Philip Monson or John Munson) in Case No. 3:09-bk-07291-PMG signed on August 11, 2010, in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Jacksonville Division of the Middle District of Florida (the "Monson Bankruptcy"). The Receiver shall receive the Equipment subject to the automatic stay and any orders pertaining to the Equipment in that pending bankruptcy case. The

Receiver is hereby authorized to maintain possession and custody of the Equipment and/or to sell the Equipment as described more fully below in this Order.

Ownership of the claims and causes of action by Segundo Suenos against Jon Philip Monson, II in adversary proceeding nos. 3:09-ap-00614-PMG and 3:10-ap-00228-PMG (both styled Segundo Suenos, LLC, plaintiff v. Jon Philip Monson, II, defendant) in the Monson Bankruptcy is hereby transferred to the Receiver. References in this Order to "Monson" mean the debtor in that bankruptcy case and the defendant in those adversary proceedings, whether he is know as "Monson" or "Munson." Segundo Suenos is hereby directed to turn over to the Receiver all of its records supporting and/or relating to the claims and causes of action in those two adversary proceedings. The Receiver is hereby authorized to communicate with counsel for Segundo Suenos in those adversary proceedings under, subject to, and preserving the attorney-client and work product privileges. The Receiver is hereby authorized to analyze the merit of those claims and causes of action by Segundo Suenos against Monson, and to determine and decide in the sole discretion of the Receiver whether it is in the best interests of Lisa Galaz and Julian Jackson in collecting on the Judgment to sell the claims and causes of action, or to continue to prosecute the claims and causes of action in an effort to obtain and collect a settlement or judgment in the adversary proceedings against Monson. If the Receiver determines that it is in the best interests of Lisa Galaz and Julian Jackson to sell the claims and causes of action against Monson for a cash sale, the Receiver is hereby authorized to sell those claims and causes of action in a commercially reasonable manner and to pay the net sale proceeds to Julian Jackson and to Lisa Galaz according to their interests in the Judgment. The approved fees and expenses of the Receiver in selling the

claims and causes of action against Monson or in maintaining ownership and control of those claims and causes of action are costs of Court assessed against Raul Galaz and Segundo Suenos, LLC jointly and severally for which execution shall issue as necessary for collection. If the Receiver determines that it is in the best interest of Julian Jackson and Lisa Galaz in maximizing their collection of the Judgment for the Receiver to maintain ownership and control of the claims and causes of action to continue to try to obtain and collect a judgment against Monson, the Receiver is authorized to maintain ownership of the claims and causes of action for that purpose.

7. Segundo Suenos has contended that some or all the Equipment described in paragraph 5 above is useful and necessary as evidence for proving the claims and causes of action against Monson described in paragraph 6 above. The Receiver is hereby authorized and directed to evaluate the merit of that contention. If the Receiver in his sole discretion determines that it is not useful and efficient for the best interests of Julian Jackson and Lisa Galaz in maximizing their collection of the Judgment for the Receiver to maintain possession and custody of the Equipment for use as evidence for proving the claims and causes of action described in paragraph 6 above, the Receiver is hereby authorized to sell the Equipment in a commercially reasonable manner and to pay the net sale proceeds to Julian Jackson and to Lisa Galaz according to their interests under the Judgment. If the Receiver in his sole discretion determines that it is useful and efficient for the best interests of Julian Jackson and Lisa Galaz in maximizing the collection of the Judgment to maintain possession and custody of the Equipment as evidence, the Receiver is hereby authorized to maintain possession and custody of the Equipment for that purpose for so long as it is useful and efficient to do so, and thereafter to sell the

Equipment in a commercially reasonable manner and to pay the net sale proceeds to Julian Jackson and to Lisa Galaz according to their interests in the Judgment. The approved fees and expenses of the Receiver in selling the Equipment or in maintaining possession and custody of the Equipment are costs of Court for which execution shall issue as necessary for collection.

- 8. The Receiver is hereby authorized and directed to serve as the collecting agent for Julian Jackson and Lisa Galaz (and her Chapter 13 bankruptcy estate) for the rights and royalties of the musical works of the Ohio Players awarded to Julian Jackson and Lisa Galaz the Judgment. The Receiver is hereby authorized and directed to contact any and all collecting societies or agencies (including, without limitation, BMI, UMG, ASCAP, Bug Music, Warner-Chappell, and Bridgeport Music) and other persons holding or receiving any revenues or royalties from the rights to the musical works of the Ohio Players to instruct them to pay over to the Receiver all rights and royalties from the musical works of the Ohio Players to which Lisa Galaz and Julian Jackson are entitled under the Judgment. The Receiver is hereby authorized to receive and collect such rights and royalties and to pay the net amounts received and collected *i.e.*, after reasonable expenses and the Receiver's fee to Julian Jackson and Lisa Galaz according to their interests in the Judgment.
  - 9. The Receiver shall be required to post a bond in the amount of \$\(\frac{1}{1}\),000.00.
- 10. The Receiver shall make periodic reports to the Court and the parties on the status of the Receiver's performance of duties under this Order.
- 11. The Receiver shall apply to the Court for approval and payment of his fees and expenses. The Receiver shall be compensated for his services by fees for his time at

the hourly rate of \$350.00 and shall be reimbursed reasonable expenses out of money collected by the Receiver in performing services under this Order or as an administrative expense of the Estate. However, the approved fees and expenses of the Receiver shall be costs of Court for which Raul Galaz and Segundo Suenos are jointly and severally liable and for which execution shall issue as necessary for collection. Under the Judgment, all proceeds attributable to Raul Galaz's 25% economic interest in the royalties and rights to the music of the Ohio Players are paid to Lisa Galaz and Julian Jackson until the Judgment is satisfied. Therefore, Raul Galaz's 25% economic interest in the royalties and rights to the music of the Ohio Players shall be charged with payment of the costs of Court attributable to the fees and expenses of the Receiver, and execution shall issue as necessary for collection of such costs.

12. The Receiver is hereby authorized to seek additional orders from Court as necessary to perform his duties under this Order.

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Order submitted by:

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SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR PLAINTIFF / DEBTOR, LISA GALAZ

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## **EXHIBIT C**

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The relief described hereinbelow is SO ORDERED.

Signed May 03, 2012.

Ronald B. King

United States Chief Bankruptcy Judge

### UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS SAN ANTONIO DIVISION

IN RE:	§	
LISA ANN GALAZ,	§ §	CASE NO. 07-53287-KING
Debtor	8	CHAPTER 13
JOHN PATRICK LOWE, RECEIVER, Plaintiff		
V.	8 8	ADV. PRO. NO. 11-5024-KING
BROADCAST MUSIC, INC., Defendant	Ø .	

### ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR WITHDRAWAL OF FUNDS FROM THE REGISTRY OF THE COURT

CAME on this day to be considered Motion for Withdrawal of Funds from the Registry of the Court and it appearing to the Court that said Motion should be granted as no adverse interest appearing, the Court hereby enters the following Order to assist the Clerk of the Court in proper disbursement of funds currently in escrow with the Court in connection with this adversary proceeding. It is therefore

ORDERED that the Financial Institution <u>Bank of America</u> currently holding funds in the Registry of the Court shall disburse all funds payable as follows:

PAYEE:

John Patrick Lowe

AMOUNT:

<u>\$30,593.96</u> (fees in the amount of \$29,995.00 and expenses in the amount

of \$598.96) LESS AN APPLICABLE REGISTRY ASSESSMENT FEE OF THE TOTAL INTEREST ACCRUED, <u>PAYABLE TO THE CLERK</u>,

U.S. BANKRUPTCY COURT

TAX ID/SSN:

To be provided on the Registry Fund Confidential Personal Identification

Attachment.

PAYEE'S ADDRESS: Dodson & Lowe

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318 East Nopal Street Uvalde, TX 78801

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# **EXHIBIT D**

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The relief described hereinbelow is SO ORDERED.

Signed November 21, 2011.

Ronald B. King United States Chief Bankruptcy Judge

### IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS SAN ANTONIO DIVISION

In Re:	§	
Lisa Ann Galaz,	<b>§</b>	Case No. 07-53287-rbk
DEBTOR	<b>§</b>	CHAPTER 13
	§ 8	
John Patrick Lowe, Receiver	\$ \$	
vs.	8	Adversary No. 11-5024-rbk
BROADCAST MUSIC, INC.	§ §	

### AMENDED ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR WITHDRAWAL OF FUNDS FROM THE REGISTRY OF THE COURT

On this day came on for review the docket sheet in the above-referenced adversary proceeding, and it appears to the Court that this Court's previous "Order [of November 16, 2011] Granting Motion for Withdrawal of Funds from the Registry of the Court" (Court document #78) should be amended.

It is, therefore, ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that the Financial Institution of Bank of America, which is currently holding funds in the Registry of the Court, shall disburse all funds payable as follows:

Payee:

BROADCAST MUSIC, INC.

Amount:

\$29,688.38, plus 100% of the total accrued interest Less an Applicable Registry Assessment Fee of the Total Interest Accrued, Payable to the Clerk of the Court, United States Bankruptcy

Court.

Tax ID/SNN:

To be provided on the Registry Fund Confidential Personal Identification

Attachment.

Payee's Address:

c/o Trent L. Rosenthal, Beirne, Maynard &

Parsons, LLP

1300 Post Oak Boulevard, Suite 2500

Houston, Texas 77056

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## **EXHIBIT E**

### UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS SAN ANTONIO DIVISION

IN RE:	§	
LISA ANN GALAZ,	9	CASE NO. 07-53287-KING
Debtor	9	CHAPTER 13
LISA GALAZ, Plaintiff	- - - -	
V.	8 2	ADV. PRO. NO. 08-5043-KING
SEGUNDO SUENOS, LLC, ALFREDO GALAZ, and RAUL GALAZ, Defendants	7000	

### RESIGNATION, ACCOUNTING AND REQUEST FOR DISCHARGE

TO THE HONORABLE RONALD B. KING, UNITED STATES CHIEF BANKRUPTCY JUDGE:

John Patrick Lowe, Receiver, makes and files this Resignation, Accounting and Request for Discharge, and in support thereof respectfully represents to the Court as follows:

1.

The Receiver resigns as receiver.

2.

Attached to this pleading is a copy of the Receiver's record of receipts and disbursements during the Receivership.

3.

The Receiver will file a separate request for compensation and reimbursement of expenses.

4.

The Receiver requests that the resignation be accepted, that the accounting be reviewed and approved and that the Receiver be discharged.

WHEREFORE, premises considered, the Receiver requests that the Court enter an Order as requested above, and for such other and further relief, as is just.

DATED: February 5, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

John Patrick Lowe, Receiver State Bar No. 12623700 318 East Nopal Uvalde, Texas 78801 (830) 278-4471 (830) 278-6347 (fax)

Email: johnplowe@sbcglobal.net

### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

This is to certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing Resignation, Accounting and Request for Discharge, has been served on the following parties, by the CM/ECF system; or by electronic mail on this the true and correct copy of the above and foregoing Resignation, Accounting and Request for Discharge, has been served on the following parties, by the CM/ECF system; or by electronic mail on this the

### PLAINTIFF/DEBTOR:

Lisa Galaz

By email to: lkatona19@aol.com

#### ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF/DEBTOR:

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Julian Jackson

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### ACCOUNTANT:

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Raul Galaz

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Patrick Lowe

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### ESTATE CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS RECORD

Page: 1

Case No:

08-05043 -RBK

Case Name:

GALAZ, LISA ANN (RECEIVERSHIP)

For Period Ending: 02/15/12

Taxpayer ID No: \*\*\*\*\*5650

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Trustee Name:

John Patrick Lowe

Bank Name: BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.

\*\*\*\*\*\*3016 Money Market Account (Interest Earn

Account Number / CD #: ••

Blanket Band (per case limit): \$

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Separate Bond (if applicable):

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05/04/11		Bug Music, Inc.	ROYALTY PAYMENTS	1	8.518.61		810,11
05/31/11	ı	BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.	Interest Rate 0.010	1270-000	0.08		11,018
06/06/11		Mel Davis Escrow Account	NET PROCEEDS - SALE OF HUMMER	1	17,367,39		28,386
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			SALES PROCEEDS - HUMMER				
06/17/11	000102	JULIAN JACKSON	PER ORDER SIGNED 01/19/11 .			11,578.26	810,11
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			SALES PROCEEDS - HUMMER				
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07/29/11	1	BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.	Interest Rate 0.010	1270-000	0.09		11,018
08/31/11	3	BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.	Interest Rate 0.010	1270-000	0.10	Į	11,019
09/06/11		Mel Davis Escrow Account	PER ORDER SIGNED 08/28/11-COMPUTERS	1 1	6,000.00	į	17,019
09/07/11	000103	MARY K. VIEGELAHN	PER ORDER SIGNED 01/19/11 IN	1 1	1	2,833.33	14,185
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0007411			COMPUTERS/EQUIPMENT (\$6,000.00)	i i		i	
09/07/[]	000104	JULIAN JACKSON	PER ORDER SIGNED 01/19/11	i i		5,666.67	8,519
			ADV. PRO. NO. 08-5043K; 2/3 OF LIQUIDATION				
			PROCEEDS - MONSON CLAIMS (\$2,500.00) AND				
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#### ESTATE CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS RECORD

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Case No:

08-05043 -RBK

Case Name:

Taxpayer ID No: •••••5650
For Period Ending: 02/15/12

GALAZ, LISA ANN (RECEIVERSHIP)

Bank Name: Account Number / CD #:

Trustee Name:

John Patrick Lowe

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.

\*\*\*\*\*\*\*3016 Money Market Account (Interest Earn

Blanket Bond (per case limit): \$

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01/31/12		BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.	BANK SERV	ICE FEE	2600-000	1	165.86	126,284.
02/08/12		Jon Philip Monson II	PER ORDER	AUTHORIZING SALE		2,000.00		128,284.
		Memo Allocation Receipts:	19,500.00	COLUMN TOTALS		154,459.53	26,174.77	128,284
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#### ESTATE CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS RECORD

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Case No:

08-05043 -RBK

Case Name:

Taxpayer ID No: •••••5650
For Period Ending: 02/15/12

GALAZ, LISA ANN (RECEIVERSHIP)

Trustee Name: Bank Name:

John Patrick Lowe

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.

\*\*\*\*\*3016 Money Market Account (Interest Earn

Blanket Bond (per case limit):

Account Number / CD #:

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Separate Bond (if applicable):

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# **EXHIBIT F**



### FEES PAID icw JUDGMENT for Lisa Ann Galaz v. Raul Galaz, et al.

Adversary				
Proceedin				
g Case No.	Date	Docket No.	Amount	
11-05024	11/22/11	82	\$	29,688
11-05024	05/03/12	90	\$	30,594
08-05043	06/17/11	449	\$	5,789
08-05043	09/07/11	449	\$	2,833
08-05043	10/31/11	449	\$	11
08-05043	11/30/11	449	\$	10
08-05043	12/30/11	449	\$	20
08-05043	01/03/12	449	\$	100
08-05043	01/31/12	449	\$	165
			\$	69,211
	<u> </u>	 	\$   \$	46,140

### FEES PAID icw JUDGMENT for Lisa Ann Galaz v. Raul Galaz, et al.

Description	
Interplead	er fees paid to Broadcast Music, Inc.
	ees paid to John Patrick Lowe
Fees paid t	o Chapter 13 trustee
Fees paid t	o Chapter 13 trustee
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TOTAL	
Two-third	s of TOTAL

# **EXHIBIT G**

### IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE FIFTH CIRCUIT

No. 13-50781 c/w 13-50783 United States Court of Appeals Fifth Circuit FILED August 25, 2014

Lyle W. Cayce Clerk

In the Matter of: LISA ANN GALAZ,

Debtor

RAUL GALAZ; SEGUNDO SUENOS, L.L.C.,

Appellants

٧.

LISA ANN GALAZ; JULIAN JACKSON,

Appellees

Appeals from the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas

Before HIGGINBOTHAM, JONES, and PRADO, Circuit Judges.

EDITH H. JONES, Circuit Judge:

Appellants Raul Galaz and Segundo Suenos, L.L.C.<sup>1</sup> appeal two judgments entered by the district court, acting in its appellate capacity, that affirmed the entry of final judgment and award of damages by a bankruptcy court for debtor Lisa Ann Galaz and third-party Julian Jackson. Because

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Although not apparent from the record, "Segundo Suenos" was most likely formed with the intention of reading "Segundo Sueños," which is Spanish for "Second Dreams." This opinion will use the spelling used by the entity itself.

> No. 13-50781 Cons. w/ No. 13-50783

rapidly evolving case law has limited bankruptcy courts' jurisdiction, we must vacate and remand with separate instructions for each judgment creditor.

### **BACKGROUND**

Lisa filed an adversary proceeding in bankruptcy court against her exhusband, Raul, for fraudulently transferring the assets of Artist Rights Foundation, LLC ("ARF") to a Texas limited liability company managed by Raul's father. Raul, a former California attorney, founded ARF in 1998 as a California limited liability company with Julian, a music producer, in order to collect royalties for the music of the Ohio Players, a former funk band. Raul and Julian secured all rights to the Ohio Players' music catalogue and exploited those rights, but from 1998 until 2005 the rights did not generate any revenue. In May 2002, Lisa and Raul divorced and executed a divorce decree under which Raul assigned half of his 50% interest in ARF to Lisa. Because Raul transferred half of his interest to Lisa without Julian's consent, in violation of ARF's written operating agreement ("Operating Agreement"), Lisa received a 25% economic interest in ARF with no management or voting rights.

On June 3, 2005, without obtaining prior consent from either Lisa or Julian, Raul assigned all of ARF's rights to the entity Segundo Suenos. At the time of the transfer, Segundo Suenos was not organized as a business entity under the laws of any state. Three months later, Raul assisted his father, Alfredo Galaz, in filing the necessary documents to establish Segundo Suenos, L.L.C. ("Segundo Suenos") within the state of Texas. Shortly thereafter, the royalties for the Ohio Players' music began to generate a substantial amount of revenue. From the time of ARF's transfer in June 2005 until trial in February 2010, Segundo Suenos's gross revenue from the Ohio Players'

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Raul resigned from the California bar in 2002 after pleading guilty to mail fraud.

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royalties totaled nearly one million dollars. Neither Julian nor Lisa received any share of the profits despite their interests in ARF.

In 2007, Lisa filed for Chapter 13 bankruptcy. In April 2008 she brought an adversary proceeding against Raul, Alfredo, and Segundo Suenos ("Defendants"), asserting claims under 11 U.S.C. §§ 542, 544, 548 and the Texas Uniform Fraudulent Transfer Act ("TUFTA"), and asserted that Raul, as a managing member of ARF, breached his fiduciary duties to Lisa when he transferred ARF's assets to Segundo Suenos. Defendants filed a third-party complaint against Julian, who in turn asserted seven counterclaims against Defendants, including breach of fiduciary duty and fraudulent conversion.3 After a five-day bench trial, the bankruptcy court found that the transfer of assets from ARF to Segundo Suenos was invalid, that it constituted a fraudulent transfer under TUFTA, that Raul owed fiduciary duties to Julian and had breached those duties, and that Raul owed no fiduciary duties to Lisa. The court entered judgment for Lisa and Julian, awarding Lisa \$250,000 in actual damages and \$250,000 in exemplary damages, and awarding Julian \$500,000 in actual damages and \$500,000 in exemplary damages. Raul and Segundo Suenos appealed the judgment to the district court, which affirmed the bankruptcy court's judgment but vacated and remanded the damages awards for further consideration of Segundo Suenos's alleged expenses and for redetermination of both the actual and exemplary damages. On remand, after deducting tax liabilities that ARF incurred from 1998 to 2005, the bankruptcy

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Julian asserted the following counterclaims: Breach of fiduciary duty, fraudulent conversion, unfair business practices, currency in possession and received, unjust enrichment, non-disclosure of accounting, and perjury. Counterclaim Against Alfredo Galaz, Raul Galaz, Segundo Suenos, LLC, *In re Lisa Ann Galaz*, No. 08-05043 (Bankr. W.D. Tex. November 23, 2009).

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court awarded Lisa \$241,309.10 in actual damages and \$250,000 in exemplary damages, and awarded Julian \$479,216.95 in actual damages and \$500,000 in exemplary damages. Appellants appealed the judgment, and the district court affirmed.<sup>4</sup> This timely appeal from the district court followed.<sup>5</sup>

### STANDARD OF REVIEW

When reviewing a district court's affirmance of a bankruptcy court's judgment, this court applies "the same standard of review to the bankruptcy court decision that the district court applied." In re Frazin, 732 F.3d 313, 317 (5th Cir. 2013) (quoting In re IFS Fin. Corp., 669 F.3d 255, 260 (5th Cir. 2012) (internal quotation marks omitted)), cert. denied, 134 S. Ct. 1770 (U.S. 2014). Thus, this court reviews factual findings for clear error and legal conclusions de novo. Id. See also In re OCA, Inc., 551 F.3d 359, 366 (5th Cir. 2008).

### DISCUSSION

### A. Subject Matter Jurisdiction

The principal issues in this appeal concern the bankruptcy court's jurisdiction to entertain Lisa's and Julian's claims and the district court's role in reviewing the bankruptcy court's determinations. Appellants contend that Lisa's claims and Julian's counterclaims did not seek recovery of property taken from Lisa's estate and will not have any effect on her bankruptcy case. This court reviews the question of subject matter jurisdiction de novo. In re OCA, Inc., 551 F.3d at 366. As will be seen, the case turns on two separate questions, the statutory and constitutional authority of the bankruptcy court. We consider each in turn.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Alfredo Galaz was not held liable.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Despite being named as an appellee in this case, Julian did not participate in the proceedings before this court or the district court, even after the district court ordered Julian to file a brief during Appellants' appeal of the damages award.

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In Matter of Walker, this court explained the source of a bankruptcy court's jurisdiction:

Jurisdiction for bankruptcy cases is rooted in the provisions of 18 U.S.C. § 1334.... Section 1334 provides that, with one exception, "the district court shall have original and exclusive jurisdiction of all cases under title 11."... Through this section, district courts, along with their bankruptcy units, are empowered to hear "cases under title 11" [i.e. the bankruptcy petition itself]. [Additionally,] § 1334(b) gives the district courts original, but not exclusive, jurisdiction over "proceedings arising under title 11"; "proceedings 'arising in' a case under title 11"; and "proceedings 'related to' a case under title 11."

51 F.3d 562, 568 (5th Cir. 1995) (internal citations omitted). Relevant to the analysis here are those cases that are at least "related to" a bankruptcy case.

Although the Bankruptcy Code does not define "related matters," . . . we determined that a matter is related for § 1334 purposes when "the outcome of that proceeding could conceivably have any effect on the estate being administered in bankruptcy." As we later more specifically stated, "[a]n action is related to bankruptcy if the outcome could alter the debtor's rights, liabilities, options, or freedom of action (either positively or negatively) and which in any way impacts upon the handling and administration of the bankrupt estate." Conversely, "bankruptcy courts have no jurisdiction over proceedings that have no effect on the debtor."

Id. at 569 (internal citations omitted) (emphasis in original).

As the district court found, a judgment against Appellants could, at least conceivably, increase the size of Lisa's bankruptcy estate. See In re BP RE, L.P., 735 F.3d 279, 282 (5th Cir. 2013) (state law claims brought by debtor against third-party non-creditors were "related to" the bankruptcy case); Waldman v. Stone, 698 F.3d 910, 916 (6th Cir. 2012), (bankruptcy court had subject matter jurisdiction over a debtor's state law claims in an adversary

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proceeding, in part because "a damages award on [the debtor's] affirmative claims would provide assets for his other creditors"). Lisa's TUFTA claim, it must be noted, is not the paradigmatic fraudulent conveyance claim in bankruptcy, which "asserts that property that should have been part of the bankruptcy estate and therefore available for distribution to creditors pursuant to Title "was improperly removed." Executive Benefits Ins. Agency v. Arkison, 134 S. Ct. 2165, 2174, 189 L. Ed. 2d 83, 82 U.S.L.W. 4450 (2014). In typical bankruptcy fraudulent conveyance cases, it is the debtor who "removes" property from his estate to prevent its falling into the hands of creditors. Here, Lisa is a victim—in her status as an economic interest holder and therefore a creditor—of Raul's unauthorized transfer of ARF's assets. Her state law claim for damages and other relief is against parties who are otherwise uninvolved in the bankruptcy case and exists irrespective of the pendency of the bankruptcy case.

Julian's counterclaims, in contrast, will not result in any recovery for Lisa, nor will they have any effect on her bankruptcy case. Even in light of the permissive standard for what constitutes matters "related to" bankruptcy, Julian's counterclaims as a third-party defendant fall short. See Matter of Walker, 51 F.3d at 569 ("As several courts have observed, 'a vast majority of cases find that "related to" jurisdiction is lacking in connection with third-party complaints."). Because the bankruptcy court lacked subject matter jurisdiction over Julian's unrelated third-party counterclaims, we must vacate the judgments for Julian.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> As thus characterized, Lisa's claim could not arise under the Bankruptcy Code itself, 11 U.S.C. § 548, and is not a "core" claim.

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Appellants also challenge the bankruptcy court's constitutional power to enter final judgment on Lisa's claims. A bankruptcy court may enter final judgment only if the court has both statutory and constitutional authority to do so. Stern v. Marshall, 131 S. Ct. 2594, 2608, 180 L. Ed. 2d 475, 79 U.S.L.W. 4564 (2011). A bankruptcy court's statutory authority derives from 28 U.S.C. §157(b)(1), which designates certain matters as "core proceedings" and authorizes a bankruptcy court to determine the matters and enter final judgments. See Executive Benefits, 134 S. Ct. at 2171. See also Waldman, 698 F.3d at 921-22 ("A core proceeding either invokes a substantive right created by federal bankruptcy law or one which could not exist outside of the bankruptcy." (quoting Lowenbraun v. Canary, 453 F.3d 314, 320 (6th Cir. 2006))), cert denied, 133 S. Ct. 1604 (2013). As for "non-core" proceedings, 28 U.S.C. § 157(c) authorizes a bankruptcy court either to "submit proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law to the district court," which are reviewed de novo, or to enter final judgment with the parties' consent. Executive Benefits, 134 S. Ct. at 2172.

While Section 157 gives bankruptcy courts statutory authority to enter final judgment on specific bankruptcy-related claims, "Article III of the Constitution prohibits bankruptcy courts from finally adjudicating certain of those claims." Id. at 2168. "Congress may not bypass Article III simply because a proceeding may have some bearing on a bankruptcy case; the question is whether the action at issue stems from the bankruptcy itself or would necessarily be resolved in the claims allowance process." Stern, 131 S. Ct. at 2618. Thus, "when a debtor pleads an action arising only under state-law, . . . or when the debtor pleads an action that would augment the bankrupt estate, but not 'necessarily be resolved in the claims allowance process[,]' then the bankruptcy court is constitutionally prohibited from

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entering final judgment." Waldman, 698 F.3d at 919 (quoting Sterns, 131 S. Ct. at 2618). Accord In re BP RE, 735 F.3d at 285.

The district court treated Lisa's TUFTA claim as being "related to" the bankruptcy rather than a core bankruptcy claim. We agree with this characterization. The court went on, however, to hold that the bankruptcy court had authority to enter a final judgment based on the Appellants' implied consent. 28 U.S.C. § 157(c)(2); Bankr. Rule 7012; Memo Op., Galaz v. Galaz, No. 11-00425 (W.D. Tex April 17, 2012). This court's later decisions in In re Frazin and In re BP RE are at odds with the district court's consent rationale. Each of these cases holds that according to Stern, the parties' express or implied consent cannot cure the constitutional deficiency that results from circumventing, or diminishing, the Article III structural protections for the federal judiciary. In re BP RE, 735 F.3d at 286-87 (relying on Waldman, 698 F.3d at 917, 918); In re Frazin, 732 F.3d at 319. While the Supreme Court reserved in Executive Benefits the issue of the efficacy of consent to support certain final bankruptcy court judgments, see 134 S. Ct. at 2170 n.4, the Court has granted certiorari on a case raising that issue. Wellness Int'l Network Ltd. v. Sharif, 727 F.3d 751 (7th Cir. 2013), cert. granted in part, 134 S. Ct. 2901. 82 U.S.L.W. 3496 (2014). Until the Supreme Court decides, we are bound by controlling circuit precedent.

The failure of the consent rationale does not vitiate the lower courts' work altogether, however. As the Supreme Court recently held, claims designated for final adjudication in the bankruptcy court as a statutory matter, but prohibited from proceeding in that way as a constitutional matter, may still "proceed as non-core within the meaning of § 157(c)." Executive Benefits, 134 S. Ct. at 2173. Because Lisa's claim is "related to a case under title 11," 28 U.S.C. § 157(c)(1), the bankruptcy court may still hear it and "submit

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proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law to the district court for de novo review and entry of judgment." Executive Benefits, 134 S. Ct. at 2173. Id. at 2174 (holding that the debtor's fraudulent conveyance claims "fit comfortably within the category of claims governed by § 157(c)(1)" and that the bankruptcy court would have been permitted to submit proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law on such claims). Accordingly, the district court's judgment on Lisa's TUFTA claim must be vacated and remanded for de novo review of the bankruptcy court's decision as recommended findings and conclusions.

### B. Arbitration

Appellants contend alternatively that the bankruptcy court should have referred Lisa's claims to arbitration pursuant to an arbitration provision in the ARF Operating Agreement. "[O]nly parties to an arbitration agreement are generally bound by it," In re Huffman, 486 B.R. 343, 354 (Bankr. S.D. Miss. 2013). As the bankruptcy court found, Lisa was not a party to the Operating Agreement. The Operating Agreement's opening paragraph refers to "parties" as the LLC's "Members." Lisa held an only economic interest. While this circuit has recognized a limited set of circumstances in which a nonsignatory may be bound to an arbitration agreement, there is no argument or evidence suggesting how Lisa, neither a Member nor a party to the LLC, is bound to the arbitration provision. As to Lisa, this argument is meritless.

### C. TUFTA Claim

Appellants challenge the district court's affirmance of the bankruptcy court's judgment finding liability on Lisa's TUFTA claim. See Bankr. Ct. Op.,

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> "Six theories for binding a nonsignatory to an arbitration agreement have been recognized: (a) incorporation by reference; (b) assumption; (c) agency; (d) veil-piercing/alter ego; (e) estoppel; and (f) third-party beneficiary." *Bridas S.A.P.I.C. v. Gov't. of Turkmenistan*, 345 F.3d 347, 355-56 (5th Cir. 2003).

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In re Lisa Ann Galaz, No. 08-05043 (Bankr. W.D. Tex. Nov. 12, 2010). Although the district court will ultimately review this claim de novo upon remand, we clarify one legal point as guidance.

TUFTA "aims to prevent debtors from fraudulently placing assets beyond the reach of creditors." GE Capital Commercial Inc. v. Worthington Nat'l Bank, 754 F.3d 297, 302 (5th Cir. 2014). In order to prevail on a TUFTA claim, a plaintiff must prove that (1) she is a "creditor" with a claim against a "debtor"; (2) the debtor transferred assets after, or a short time before, the plaintiff's claim arose; and (3) the debtor made the transfer with the intent to hinder, delay, or defraud the plaintiff. Nwokedi v. Unlimited Restoration Specialists, Inc., 428 S.W.3d 191, 204-05 (Tex. App.—Houston [1st Dist.] 2014, pet. denied) (citing Tex. Bus. & Com. Code § 24.005(a)(1)). One issue raised here is whether Lisa qualifies as a "creditor" within the meaning of TUFTA. TUFTA defines a creditor as someone who has a "claim"—that is, a "right to payment or property, whether or not the right is reduced to judgment, liquidated, . . . fixed, contingent, matured . . . disputed, undisputed, legal, equitable, [or] secured," Tex. Bus. & Com. Code §§ 24.002(3), (4)—and defines "debtor" as "a person who is liable on a claim," id. at § 4.002(6).

The bankruptcy court assumed Lisa qualified as a "creditor" under TUFTA, but the district court held that Lisa had standing to assert a TUFTA claim as a creditor because she brought her claim in conjunction with other unliquidated, disputed tort claims that arose at the time ARF's assets were transferred. While we agree that Lisa qualifies as a creditor, it is more precise to say her status as a creditor turns on whether "she had a right to payment or property that existed at the time of the fraudulent transfer[] or that arose within a reasonable time afterwards." Williams v. Performance Diesel, Inc., No. 14-00-00063-CV, 2002 WL 596414 at \*2 (Tex. App.—Houston [14th Dist.]

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Apr. 18, 2002, no pet.) (citing Tex. Bus. & Com. Code §§ 24.005(a), 24.006). Because she was an economic interest holder of ARF, which was a creature of California corporate law, she had a right to payment and was entitled to distributions from ARF before it was "dissolved" in December 2006 and Raul transferred the royalty rights. See Cal. Corp. Code § 17001(n) ("Economic interest' means a person's right to share in the income, gains, losses, deductions, credit, or similar items of, and to receive distributions from, the limited liability company[.]"); id. at § 17300 ("[A]n economic interest in a limited liability company constitute[s] personal property of the . . . assignee.").8 Lisa thus had standing to bring such a TUFTA claim against Appellants.9

Appellants raise additional arguments challenging the bankruptcy court's findings on liability, actual damages and punitive damages, but review of these factual issues is not properly before us.

#### Conclusion

Based on the current state of bankruptcy court jurisdiction, as interpreted by the Supreme Court and this court, we must VACATE and REMAND with instructions to DISMISS the judgment in favor of Julian Jackson, which the bankruptcy court adjudicated without jurisdiction. The

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Title 2.5 of the California Corporations Code, which includes all provisions applying to limited liability companies, was recently repealed, operative January 1, 2014. However, because the relevant events of this case occurred prior to the repeal, Title 2.5 of the Code applies here.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Raul contends that "an economic interest holder may not bring a suit for fraudulent conveyance under California law," and relies on *PacLink Communications International v. Superior Court*, 90 Cal. App. 4th 958, 964 (Cal. App. 2d Dist. 2001), for this conclusion. However, *PacLink* does not support Raul's contention. *PacLink* focuses on the rights, or lack thereof, of shareholders to file individual suits and on the diminution of members' ownership interests in company assets. Lisa was neither a member nor a shareholder of ARF. She was an economic interest holder. Noticeably absent from *PacLink* is any discussion about the rights of economic interest holders.

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bankruptcy court's judgment for Lisa Galaz must also be VACATED and REMANDED to the district court for further proceedings. In re BP Re, 735 F.3d at 281. The district court, in turn, may refer the case to the bankruptcy court, which may recast its judgment as proposed findings and conclusions, or may otherwise dispose of the case consistent with this opinion.

Judgment VACATED and REMANDED with instructions to DISMISS IN PART; VACATED and REMANDED for further proceedings IN PART.

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August 25, 2014

MEMORANDUM TO COUNSEL OR PARTIES LISTED BELOW

Regarding: Fifth Circuit Statement on Petitions for Rehearing or Rehearing En Banc

No. 13-50781 Raul Galaz, et al v. Lisa Galaz, et al 13-50783 Raul Galaz, et al v. Lisa Galaz, et al USDC No. 5:11-CV-425 USDC No. 5:13-CV-379

Enclosed is a copy of the court's decision. The court has entered judgment under FED R. APP. P. 36. (However, the opinion may yet contain typographical or printing errors which are subject to correction.)

FED R. APP. P. 39 through 41, and 5TH Cir. R.s 35, 39, and 41 govern costs, rehearings, and mandates. 5TH Cir. R.s 35 and 40 require you to attach to your petition for panel rehearing or rehearing en banc an unmarked copy of the court's opinion or order. Please read carefully the Internal Operating Procedures (IOP's) following FED R. APP. P. 40 and 5TH CIR. R. 35 for a discussion of when a rehearing may be appropriate, the legal standards applied and sanctions which may be imposed if you make a nonmeritorious petition for rehearing en banc.

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The judgment entered provides that appellants pay to appellees the costs on appeal.

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Sincerely,

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No. 13-50781

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v.

LISA ANN GALAZ; JULIAN JACKSON,

Appellees

Appeals from the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas, San Antonio

Before HIGGINBOTHAM, JONES, and PRADO, Circuit Judges.

#### JUDGMENT

This cause was considered on the record on appeal and was argued by counsel.

It is ordered and adjudged that the judgment of the District Court is vacated, and the cause is remanded to the District Court for further proceedings in accordance with the opinion of this Court.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that appellants pay to appellees the costs on appeal to be taxed by the Clerk of this Court.

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# **EXHIBIT J**

#### Alfred Galaz 508 Red Cloud Dr. Harker Heights, TX 76548 Email: lgalaz@hot.rr.com

January 19, 2015

VIA PRIORITY MAIL
VIA EMAIL: j@artistrightsfoundation.com
Julian Jackson
4712 Admiralty Way, Ste. 593
Marina Del Rey, CA 90292

Re: Monies for Return; Artist Rights Foundation, LLC

Dear Mr. Jackson,

I am the successor in interest of Raul Galaz and Segundo Suenos, LLC, in certain matters pertaining to you.

As you are aware, pursuant to orders issued by the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Texas in adversary proceeding no. 08-05043, you were awarded a significant monetary judgment against Raul Galaz and Segundo Suenos LLC, and a two-thirds interest in the Ohio Players music catalogue (pending recovery of the monetary judgment, at which time such right would revert to a one-half interest). As you are aware, according to an opinion issued on August 25, 2014 by the 5<sup>th</sup> Circuit of Appeals, such judgment has now been vacated, and is no longer effective.

According to the records of Patrick Lowe, Esq., a receiver appointed in adversary proceeding no. 08-05043, you were paid the sum of \$17,244 pursuant to the now-vacated judgment. Specifically, on or about June 17, 2011 you were paid the sum of \$11,578, and on or about September 7, 2011 you were paid the sum of \$5,666. You are therefore responsible for the return of these sums.

You are additionally responsible for two-thirds of the costs associated with the seizure and liquidation of the previously-awarded assets pursuant to the now-vacated judgment, including the following: \$8,930 identified in the Lowe accounting, \$29,688 paid to BMI as interpleader fees, and \$30,593 payable to Patrick Lowe as receiver fees. The sum total of such fees equals \$69,211, two-third's of which equals \$46,140.

In sum, you remain liable for the sum of \$63,384 (\$17,244 + \$46,140). As the successor in interest to the aforementioned interests against you, I hereby make demand for such sum at this time. If you have received additional funds derived from such judgment, I hereby make demand for them as well.

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Please forward payment at this time in the amount of \$63,384, at the aforementioned address within the next two weeks, i.e., no later than February 2, 2015. If you require additional time for payment, please communicate your desired schedule and details regarding how such payment may be secured.

Additionally, review of Raul Galaz's records reveals that there has been no response to the letter that was sent to you by Raul Galaz via certified mail on May 11, 2011, wherein he requested a variety of information relating to Artist Rights Foundation, LLC. I hereby renew that request for information, which was as follows.

Pursuant to California Corporations Code section 17106, and Nevada Revised Statutes section 86.241(3), please produce the following information at this time, in writing, relating to Artist Rights Foundation LLC:

- (1) A current list of the full name and last known business or residence address of each member and of each holder of an economic interest in the limited liability company set forth in alphabetical order, together with the contribution and the share in profits and losses of each member and holder of an economic interest. Please note that, pursuant to both California and Nevada statutes, addresses must be an actual physical address of residence or operation, and neither a post office box or private mail box.
  - (2) A current list of the full name and business or residence address of each manager.
- (3) A copy of the articles of organization and all amendments thereto, together with any powers of attorney pursuant to which the articles of organization or any amendments thereto were executed.
- (4) Copies of the limited liability company's federal, state, and local income tax or information returns and reports, if any, for the six most recent taxable years.
- (5) Copies of any operating agreement of the company.
- (6) True and complete records regarding the amount of cash and a description and statement of the agreed value of any other property or services contributed by each member and which each member has agreed to contribute in the future, and the date on which each became a member.
- (7) Complete records regarding the activities and the status of the business and financial condition of the company, including but not limited to all income that has been received from all sources, all expenditures made on behalf of the company, and a description of all actions that are being taken in order to exploit rights currently held by Artist Rights Foundation LLC against the following persons or entities:

- Warner/Chappell Music
- Heirs of Patricia Middlebrooks
- Heirs of Clarence Satchell
- James Rodger Williams
- Leroy Bonner
- Marshall Jones
- Marvin Pierce

Please make note that significant consequences exist for the failure to promptly provide this information. If the foregoing information cannot be provided within one week, please identify at this time when such information will be made available.

Sincerely,

Alfred Galaz

#### 1 PROOF OF SERVICE 2 STATE OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES 3 I am employed in the County of Los Angeles, State of California. I am over the age of 4 eighteen years and not a party to the within action. My business address is 1533 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California 90017 5 On July 18, 2017. I served the following document(s) described as: 6 DECLARATION OF RYAN T. GALAZ IN SUPPORT OF RTG, LLC'S REQUEST 7 FOR ENTRY OF DEFAULT JUDGMENT 8 To the interested parties in this action by placing true copies thereof enclosed in sealed envelopes 9 addressed as follows: 10 JULIAN JACKSON 4712 ADMIRALTY WAY, #593 MARINA DEL REY, CA 90292 11 12 BY FIRST CLASS MAIL: I am readily familiar with the companies' practice of collection and processing correspondence for mailing. Under that practice it would be deposited with the U.S. postal service on that same day with postage thereon fully prepaid 13 at Los Angeles, California in the ordinary course of business pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure Section 1013(a). I am aware that on motion of the party served, service is 14 presumed invalid if postal cancellation date or postage meter date is more than one day 15 after date of deposit for mailing in affidavit. 16 BY FACSIMILE: I served said document(s) to be transmitted by facsimile pursuant to Rule 415.30 of the California Rules of Court. The telephone number of the sending facsimile machine was (213) 413-7201. The name(s) and facsimile machine telephone 17 number(s) of the person(s) served are set forth in the service list. The sending facsimile machine issued a transmission report confirming that the transmission was complete and 18 without error. 19 20 BY EXPRESS MAIL: I caused said document(s) to be deposited in a box or other facility 21 regularly maintained by the express service carrier providing overnight delivery pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure Section 1013(c). 22 BY PERSONAL SERVICE: I caused said document(s) to the addressee(s) pursuant to × 23 Code of Civil Procedure Section 1011. 24 25 26 27 28

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BY PERSONAL SERVICE: I personally delivered the envelope or package received from the declarant above to the persons at the address listed. (1) For a party represented by an attorney, delivery was made to the attorney or at the attorney's office by leaving the documents in an envelope or package, which was clearly labeled to identify the attorney being served, with a receptionist or an individual in charge of the office. When there is no person in the office with whom the notice or papers may be left for purposes of this subdivision at the time service is to be effected, service may be made by leaving them between the hours of nine in the morning and five in the afternoon, in a conspicuous place in the office (2) For a party, delivery was made to the party or by leaving the documents at the party's residence with some person not less than 18 years of age between the hours of eight in the morning and six in the evening. At the time of service, I was over 18 years of age. I am not a party to the above-referenced legal proceeding. I served the envelope or package, as stated above. I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on July 19, 2017, at Los Angeles, California. I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

DEAN M. CARROLL

(NAME OF DECLARANT)

(SIGNATURE OF DECLARANT)

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1 2 3 4 5 6 7	PICK & BOYDSTON, LLP BRIAN D. BOYDSTON, ESQ., CA Bar I Brianb@ix.netcom.com 10786 Le Conte Ave. Los Angeles, California 90024 Telephone: (213) 624-1996 Attorneys for Plaintiff RTG, LLC	Superior Court of California County of Los Angeles  OCT 23 2017  Sherri B. Carter, Executive Officer/Clerk  Steve Temblador  Deputy
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DECLARATION OF RYAN T. GALAZ IN SUPPORT OF RTG, LLC'S REQUEST FOR ENTRY OF DEFAULT JUDGMENT App. 230

I, RYAN GALAZ, declare and state as follows:

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I am a principal of RTG, LLC, the plaintiff in this action. I submit 1. this declaration in support of Plaintiff RTG, LLC's Request for Entry of Default Judgment. The following facts are within my personal knowledge, and if called upon I could and would testify competently thereto.

- This action for conversion and money had and received arises out of a judgment rendered on November 12, 2010, in an adversary proceeding by the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Texas, San Antonio Division ("BCWD"), which was subsequently reversed, in part, on appeal to the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeal.
- 3. Specifically, judgment was entered by the BCWD in favor of Defendant Julian Jackson ("Jackson") and Lisa Ann Galaz ("LAG"), against Segundo Suenos, LLC, a Texas limited liability company ("SSL"), whereby Jackson and LAG were awarded substantial damages, two-thirds of which was allocated to Jackson. See Exhibit A. That decision was appealed. However, during the pendency of the appeal, BCWD appointed a receiver over SSL for the benefit of Jackson and LAG in order to collect royalties that were the subject of the judgment. See Exhibit B. Ultimately, \$69,211 in fees were incurred for the receiver, accounting costs and interpleader fees, all of which was assessed against SSL. See Exhibits C, D, E. A summary of the assessed costs and fees is attached hereto as **Exhibit F**. In addition, \$17,244 was dispersed to Jackson by the receiver appointed by BCWD. See Exhibit E.
- On August 25, 2014, the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals reversed the 4. BCWD ruling and judgment in favor of Jackson. See Exhibits G, H, I.
- 5. Since then, Jackson has failed to return the \$17,244 which was paid to him, or re-pay SSL his two thirds share of the \$69,211 fees and costs incurred in

furtherance of collection efforts on the now invalid BCWD judgment, despite the fact that Jackson is fully aware of the ruling by the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeal and demand for return of the monies has been made on him. See **Exhibit J**.

- 6. In January 2015, SSL transferred its rights against Jackson to Alfred Galaz. On October 3, 2016, Alfred Galaz transferred those same rights against Jackson to Plaintiff, RTG, LLC.
- 7. Plaintiff is, and at all times mentioned herein was, a Florida limited liability company with a principle place of business in the State of Florida, in the County of Miami-Dade.
- 8. Plaintiff is informed and believes that Defendant Jackson is, and at all times mentioned herein was, a resident of the State of California, in the County of Los Angeles.
- 9. Jackson converted Plaintiff's money to his own purposes, specifically by receiving \$17,244 pursuant to the BCWD judgment which was later overturned on appeal, and causing SSL to incur and pay \$69,211 in fees and costs in connection with enforcing the BCWD judgment, and then refusing to return such monies after the BCWD judgment was overturned by the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeal.
- 10. As a direct and proximate result of said conversion and the wrongful acts alleged herein, Plaintiff has suffered damages in the amount of \$17,244, plus \$46,140 (two thirds of \$69,211), for a total of \$63,384.
- 11. Jackson became indebted to SSL for money had and received from the assets of SSL, Plaintiff's predecessor in interest, in the amount of \$63,384, and such monies belong to Plaintiff as SSL's successor in interest.
- 12. Neither the whole nor any part of the above sum has been paid, notwithstanding that demand therefore has been made, and there is now due and

1	unpaid from Jackson to Plaintiff, as SSL's s	successor in interest, the sum of
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3	I declare under penalty of perjury und	der the laws of the State of California
4	that the foregoing is true and correct. Exec	uted this 12th day of August, 2017, at
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DECLARATION OF RYAN T. GALAZ IN SUPPORT OF RTG, LLC'S REQUEST FOR ENTRY OF DEFAULT JUDGMENT App. 233

The relief described hereinbelow is SO ORDERED.

Signed November 12, 2010.



Ronald B. King
United States Chief Bankruptcy Judge

### IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS SAN ANTONIO DIVISION

IN RE:	.§	
LISA ANN GALAZ,	8	CASE No. 07-53287-RBK
DEBTOR	9 9 2	CHAPTER 13
Lisa Ann Galaz		
VS.	9 9 8	Adversary No. 08-5043-rbk
RAUL GALAZ, ALFREDO GALAZ, SEGUNDO SUENOS, LLC	8 8	

#### JUDGMENT

On February 22, 2010, came on to be heard the above-styled adversary proceeding for trial on the merits. The parties, Lisa Galaz, Raul Galaz, Alfredo Galaz, Segundo Suenos, LLC, and Julian Jackson appeared and announced ready. After hearing the evidence and argument of the parties, the Court is of the opinion that judgment should be rendered in favor of Lisa Galaz and Julian Jackson against Raul Galaz, Alfredo Galaz, and Segundo Suenos, LLC, as provided in the decretal portions

of this Judgment, for the reasons stated in the Opinion rendered contemporaneously herewith pursuant to Rule 7052 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure.

It is, therefore, ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Plaintiff, Lisa Galaz, recover the amount of \$500,000 of and from Raul Galaz and Segundo Suenos, LLC, jointly and severally; \$250,000 as actual damages, plus the sum of \$250,000 as exemplary damages, for a total of \$500,000.

It is further ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Julian Jackson recover the amount of \$1,000,000 of and from Raul Galaz and Segundo Suenos, LLC, jointly and severally; \$500,000 as actual damages, plus the sum of \$500,000 as exemplary damages, for a total of \$1,000,000.

It is further ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that all royalty and other rights to the music of the Ohio Players previously owned by Artist Rights Foundation, LLC, or Segundo Suenos, LLC, shall be owned 50 percent by Julian Jackson; 25 percent by Lisa Galaz; and 25 percent by Raul Galaz, as an economic interest only; provided, however, that all proceeds attributable to Raul Galaz's 25 percent share shall be paid to Jackson and Lisa Galaz until their actual and exemplary damages awarded in this Judgment are satisfied.

It is further Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed that the preliminary injunction previously granted on May 9, 2008, in this adversary proceeding will be made permanent. Defendants, Raul Galaz, Alfredo Galaz, and Segundo Suenos, LLC, are Ordered not to spend, dissipate or transfer any funds or assets of Segundo Suenos, LLC. In addition, Defendants are Ordered, within ten days, to turn over all such assets, records, and evidence of their ownership to Julian Jackson and Lisa Galaz as co-owners of the royalties and other assets. The Court also hereby Orders Raul Galaz,

Segundo Suenos, Alfredo Carlos Galaz, and anyone acting in active concert with any of them with knowledge of this Preliminary Injunction not to dismiss, compromise, settle, assign, or in any way prejudice any of the rights, claims or litigation of Segundo Suenos, including specifically (but without limitation) any right or claim asserted by Segundo Suenos in any of the following civil actions:

- 1. Case No. BC366409; Segundo Suenos, LLC v. Warner-Chappell Music, Inc. et al., in the Superior Court of the State of California, County of Los Angeles, Central Division.
- Case No. BC358422 and/or BC355571; Segundo Suenos, LLC v. Tracy Draper et al.and/or Ray Gaddis, et al., in the Superior Court of the State of California, County of Los Angeles, Central Division.

The rights, claims, litigation, and all records thereof shall be turned over to Lisa Galaz and Julian Jackson. Any failure to comply with this Judgment will be punishable by contempt.

Costs of court are taxed against Raul Galaz, for which execution shall issue. Lisa Galaz is awarded attorney's fees for a successful action under TUFTA. Tex. Bus. & Comm. Code § 24.013. Lisa Galaz's attorneys may submit a postjudgment affidavit concerning attorney's fees within fourteen days.

Any relief not specifically granted herein is denied.

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The relief described hereinbelow is SO ORDERED.

Signed January 19, 2011.

Ronald B. King *U*United States Chief Bankruptcy Judge

### UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS SAN ANTONIO DIVISION

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On January 4, 2011, the Court held an evidentiary hearing and considered the post-judgment Motion of Lisa Galaz for Turnover of Assets and/or for Writ of Execution. The Court hereby grants the Motion, and ORDERS, ADJUDGES, AND DECREES as follows.

- 1. John Patrick Lowe is hereby appointed as a Receiver to receive, manage, collect, and/or sell the property described more fully below in this Order for the benefit of Lisa Galaz and Julian Jackson, the judgment creditors under the Judgment in this Adversary Proceeding signed on November 12, 2010 (below, the "Judgment"). The Receiver is hereby given all of the authority provided by law as a receiver under Section 31.002 of the Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code and/or all authority delegable by this Court to a Receiver for collection and enforcement of its judgments.
- 2. Whenever in this Order the Court refers to the Receiver paying money over to Lisa Galaz, the payment should be made to the Chapter 13 trustee of her bankruptcy estate pending further order of this Court. Whenever in this Order the Court refers to the Receiver paying money over to Julian Jackson, the payment should be made directly to Julian Jackson.
- 3. Lisa Galaz shall have and recover from Raul Galaz and Segundo Suenos, LLC, jointly and severally, the sum of \$1,500.00 as a reasonable fee for the necessary legal services of her counsel in preparing and presenting the Motion for Turnover Relief in this Court.
- 4. Segundo Suenos, LLC and Raul Galaz shall immediately turn over to the Receiver the 2006 Hummer LL motor vehicle with vehicle identification number 5GRGN22U56H118243 (the "Hummer") along with the original certificate of title for the

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Hummer. The lien claimed by Raul Galaz on the Texas certificate of title for the Hummer is hereby transferred to the Receiver along with the debt claimed by Raul Galaz to be secured by that lien. The title to the Hummer and the lien claimed by Raul Galaz are hereby merged into the Receiver. The Receiver is authorized to apply for and obtain a certificate of title removing the lien claimed by Raul Galaz and to sell the Hummer and to deliver title to the Hummer to a buyer free and clear of any and all liens. The Receiver is directed to take possession of the Hummer and to sell it in a commercially reasonable manner and to pay the net sale proceeds to Julian Jackson and to Lisa Galaz as their interests appear in the Judgment. "Net sale proceeds," as used in this Order, means the sale proceeds remaining after deduction Court approved for sale expenses and the Receiver's fee for services. As provided in paragraph 11 below, the Receiver's approved fees and expenses for his services in selling the Hummer are costs of Court assessed against Raul Galaz and Segundo Suenos, LLC jointly and severally for which execution shall issue as necessary:

5. Segundo Suenos and Raul Galaz shall immediately turn over to the Receiver possession and custody of the Equipment – *i.e.*, the computers, monitors, keyboards, and computer mice – described by the Order Granting Debtor's Motion for Turnover in re Jon Philip Monson, II (or John Philip Monson or John Munson) in Case No. 3:09-bk-07291-PMG signed on August 11, 2010, in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Jacksonville Division of the Middle District of Florida (the "Monson Bankruptcy"). The Receiver shall receive the Equipment subject to the automatic stay and any orders pertaining to the Equipment in that pending bankruptcy case. The

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Receiver is hereby authorized to maintain possession and custody of the Equipment and/or to sell the Equipment as described more fully below in this Order.

6. Ownership of the claims and causes of action by Segundo Suenos against Jon Philip Monson, II in adversary proceeding nos. 3:09-ap-00614-PMG and 3:10-ap-00228-PMG (both styled Segundo Suenos, LLC, plaintiff v. Jon Philip Monson, II, defendant) in the Monson Bankruptcy is hereby transferred to the Receiver. References in this Order to "Monson" mean the debtor in that bankruptcy case and the defendant in those adversary proceedings, whether he is know as "Monson" or "Munson." Segundo Suenos is hereby directed to turn over to the Receiver all of its records supporting and/or relating to the claims and causes of action in those two adversary proceedings. The Receiver is hereby authorized to communicate with counsel for Segundo Suenos in those adversary proceedings under, subject to, and preserving the attorney-client and work product privileges. The Receiver is hereby authorized to analyze the merit of those claims and causes of action by Segundo Suenos against Monson, and to determine and decide in the sole discretion of the Receiver whether it is in the best interests of Lisa Galaz and Julian Jackson in collecting on the Judgment to sell the claims and causes of action, or to continue to prosecute the claims and causes of action in an effort to obtain and collect a settlement or judgment in the adversary proceedings against Monson. If the Receiver determines that it is in the best interests of Lisa Galaz and Julian Jackson to sell the claims and causes of action against Monson for a cash sale, the Receiver is hereby authorized to sell those claims and causes of action in a commercially reasonable manner and to pay the net sale proceeds to Julian Jackson and to Lisa Galaz according to their interests in the Judgment. The approved fees and expenses of the Receiver in selling the

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claims and causes of action against Monson or in maintaining ownership and control of those claims and causes of action are costs of Court assessed against Raul Galaz and Segundo Suenos, LLC jointly and severally for which execution shall issue as necessary for collection. If the Receiver determines that it is in the best interest of Julian Jackson and Lisa Galaz in maximizing their collection of the Judgment for the Receiver to maintain ownership and control of the claims and causes of action to continue to try to obtain and collect a judgment against Monson, the Receiver is authorized to maintain ownership of the claims and causes of action for that purpose.

7. Segundo Suenos has contended that some or all the Equipment described in paragraph 5 above is useful and necessary as evidence for proving the claims and causes of action against Monson described in paragraph 6 above. The Receiver is hereby authorized and directed to evaluate the merit of that contention. If the Receiver in his sole discretion determines that it is not useful and efficient for the best interests of Julian Jackson and Lisa Galaz in maximizing their collection of the Judgment for the Receiver to maintain possession and custody of the Equipment for use as evidence for proving the claims and causes of action described in paragraph 6 above, the Receiver is hereby authorized to sell the Equipment in a commercially reasonable manner and to pay the net sale proceeds to Julian Jackson and to Lisa Galaz according to their interests under the Judgment. If the Receiver in his sole discretion determines that it is useful and efficient for the best interests of Julian Jackson and Lisa Galaz in maximizing the collection of the Judgment to maintain possession and custody of the Equipment as evidence, the Receiver is hereby authorized to maintain possession and custody of the Equipment for that purpose for so long as it is useful and efficient to do so, and thereafter to sell the

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Equipment in a commercially reasonable manner and to pay the net sale proceeds to Julian Jackson and to Lisa Galaz according to their interests in the Judgment. The approved fees and expenses of the Receiver in selling the Equipment or in maintaining possession and custody of the Equipment are costs of Court for which execution shall issue as necessary for collection.

- 8. The Receiver is hereby authorized and directed to serve as the collecting agent for Julian Jackson and Lisa Galaz (and her Chapter 13 bankruptcy estate) for the rights and royalties of the musical works of the Ohio Players awarded to Julian Jackson and Lisa Galaz the Judgment. The Receiver is hereby authorized and directed to contact any and all collecting societies or agencies (including, without limitation, BMI, UMG, ASCAP, Bug Music, Warner-Chappell, and Bridgeport Music) and other persons holding or receiving any revenues or royalties from the rights to the musical works of the Ohio Players to instruct them to pay over to the Receiver all rights and royalties from the musical works of the Ohio Players to which Lisa Galaz and Julian Jackson are entitled under the Judgment. The Receiver is hereby authorized to receive and collect such rights and royalties and to pay the net amounts received and collected *i.e.*, after reasonable expenses and the Receiver's fee to Julian Jackson and Lisa Galaz according to their interests in the Judgment.
  - 9. The Receiver shall be required to post a bond in the amount of \$\(\frac{1}{1}\),000.00
- 10. The Receiver shall make periodic reports to the Court and the parties on the status of the Receiver's performance of duties under this Order.
- 11. The Receiver shall apply to the Court for approval and payment of his fees and expenses. The Receiver shall be compensated for his services by fees for his time at

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the hourly rate of \$350.00 and shall be reimbursed reasonable expenses out of money collected by the Receiver in performing services under this Order or as an administrative expense of the Estate. However, the approved fees and expenses of the Receiver shall be costs of Court for which Raul Galaz and Segundo Suenos are jointly and severally liable and for which execution shall issue as necessary for collection. Under the Judgment, all proceeds attributable to Raul Galaz's 25% economic interest in the royalties and rights to the music of the Ohio Players are paid to Lisa Galaz and Julian Jackson until the Judgment is satisfied. Therefore, Raul Galaz's 25% economic interest in the royalties and rights to the music of the Ohio Players shall be charged with payment of the costs of Court attributable to the fees and expenses of the Receiver, and execution shall issue as necessary for collection of such costs.

12. The Receiver is hereby authorized to seek additional orders from Court as necessary to perform his duties under this Order.

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Order submitted by:

BINGHAM & LEA, P.C. 319 Maverick Street San Antonio, Texas 78212 (210) 224-1819 Telephone (210) 224-0141 Facsimile ben@binghamandlea.com royal@binghamandlea.com

BY: /s/ Royal B. Lea, III

BENJAMIN R. BINGHAM

State Bar No. 02322350

ROYAL B. LEA, III

State Bar No. 12069680

SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR PLAINTIFF / DEBTOR, LISA GALAZ

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The relief described hereinbelow is SO ORDERED.

Signed May 03, 2012.

Ronald B. King

United States Chief Bankruptcy Judge

# FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS SAN ANTONIO DIVISION

IN RE:	§	
LISA ANN GALAZ,	Ø. Ø.	CASE NO. 07-53287-KING
Debtor	9	CHAPTER 13
JOHN PATRICK LOWE, RECEIVER, Plaintiff	- 9	
v.	8	ADV. PRO. NO. 11-5024-KING
BROADCAST MUSIC, INC., Defendant	9 69	

# ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR WITHDRAWAL OF FUNDS FROM THE REGISTRY OF THE COURT

CAME on this day to be considered Motion for Withdrawal of Funds from the Registry of the Court and it appearing to the Court that said Motion should be granted as no adverse interest appearing, the Court hereby enters the following Order to assist the Clerk of the Court in proper disbursement of funds currently in escrow with the Court in connection with this adversary proceeding. It is therefore

ORDERED that the Financial Institution <u>Bank of America</u> currently holding funds in the Registry of the Court shall disburse all funds payable as follows:

PAYEE:

John Patrick Lowe

AMOUNT:

\$30,593.96 (fees in the amount of \$29,995.00 and expenses in the amount

of \$598.96) LESS AN APPLICABLE REGISTRY ASSESSMENT FEE OF THE TOTAL INTEREST ACCRUED, <u>PAYABLE TO THE CLERK</u>,

**U.S. BANKRUPTCY COURT** 

TAX ID/SSN:

To be provided on the Registry Fund Confidential Personal Identification

Attachment.

PAYEE'S ADDRESS: <u>Dodson & Lowe</u>

318 East Nopal Street Uvalde, TX 78801

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The relief described hereinbelow is SO ORDERED.

Signed November 21, 2011.

Ronald B. King United States Chief Bankruptcy Judge

#### IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS SAN ANTONIO DIVISION

IN RE:	§ e	
Lisa Ann Galaz,	\$ \$	Case No. 07-53287-rbk
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VS.	3. S	Adversary No. 11-5024-rbk
BROADCAST MUSIC, INC.	<u>\$</u> \$	

# AMENDED ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR WITHDRAWAL OF FUNDS FROM THE REGISTRY OF THE COURT

On this day came on for review the docket sheet in the above-referenced adversary proceeding, and it appears to the Court that this Court's previous "Order [of November 16, 2011] Granting Motion for Withdrawal of Funds from the Registry of the Court" (Court document #78) should be amended.

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It is, therefore, ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that the Financial Institution of Bank of America, which is currently holding funds in the Registry of the Court, shall disburse all funds payable as follows:

Payee:

BROADCAST MUSIC, INC.

Amount:

\$29,688.38, plus 100% of the total accrued interest Less an Applicable Registry Assessment Fee of the Total Interest Accrued, Payable to the Clerk of the Court, United States Bankruptcy

Court.

Tax ID/SNN:

To be provided on the Registry Fund Confidential Personal Identification

Attachment.

Payee's Address:

c/o Trent L. Rosenthal, Beirne, Maynard &

Parsons, LLP

1300 Post Oak Boulevard, Suite 2500

Houston, Texas 77056

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#### UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS SAN ANTONIO DIVISION

IN RE:	§	
LISA ANN GALAZ,	9	CASE NO. 07-53287-KING
Debtor	9	CHAPTER 13
LISA GALAZ, Plaintiff	- 9 9 9	
v.	8	ADV. PRO. NO. 08-5043-KING
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#### RESIGNATION, ACCOUNTING AND REQUEST FOR DISCHARGE

TO THE HONORABLE RONALD B. KING, UNITED STATES CHIEF BANKRUPTCY JUDGE:

John Patrick Lowe, Receiver, makes and files this Resignation, Accounting and Request for Discharge, and in support thereof respectfully represents to the Court as follows:

1.

The Receiver resigns as receiver.

2.

Attached to this pleading is a copy of the Receiver's record of receipts and disbursements during the Receivership.

3.

The Receiver will file a separate request for compensation and reimbursement of expenses.

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The Receiver requests that the resignation be accepted, that the accounting be reviewed and approved and that the Receiver be discharged.

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WHEREFORE, premises considered, the Receiver requests that the Court enter an Order as requested above, and for such other and further relief, as is just.

DATED: February 5, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

John Patrick Lowe, Receiver State Bar No. 12623700 318 East Nopal Uvalde, Texas 78801 (830) 278-4471 (830) 278-6347 (fax)

Email: johnplowe@sbcglobal.net

#### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing Resignation, Accounting and Request for Discharge, has been served on the following parties, by the CM/ECF system; or by electronic mail on this the the contract of the contract o

#### **PLAINTIFF/DEBTOR:**

Lisa Galaz

By email to: Ikatona19@aol.com

#### **ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF/DEBTOR:**

Royal B. Lea, III

By email to: Royal@binghamandlea.com

#### **ATTORNEY FOR DEFENDANTS:**

J. Scott Rose

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Julian Jackson

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Case No:

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Case Name:

GALAZ, LISA ANN (RECEIVERSHIP)

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John Patrick Lowe

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Taxpayer ID No: For Period Ending: 02/15/12

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For Period Ending: 02/15/12

Bank Name:

John Patrick Lowe

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BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.

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Fees paid to Chapter 13 trustee
Fees paid to Chapter 13 trustee
TOTAL
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# IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE FIFTH CIRCUIT

No. 13-50781 c/w 13-50783

United States Court of Appeals Fifth Circuit

**FILED** 

August 25, 2014

Lyle W. Cayce Clerk

In the Matter of: LISA ANN GALAZ.

Debtor

RAUL GALAZ; SEGUNDO SUENOS, L.L.C.,

Appellants

ν.

LISA ANN GALAZ; JULIAN JACKSON,

Appellees

Appeals from the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas

Before HIGGINBOTHAM, JONES, and PRADO, Circuit Judges.

EDITH H. JONES, Circuit Judge:

Appellants Raul Galaz and Segundo Suenos, L.L.C.<sup>1</sup> appeal two judgments entered by the district court, acting in its appellate capacity, that affirmed the entry of final judgment and award of damages by a bankruptcy court for debtor Lisa Ann Galaz and third-party Julian Jackson. Because

Although not apparent from the record, "Segundo Suenos" was most likely formed with the intention of reading "Segundo Sueños," which is Spanish for "Second Dreams." This opinion will use the spelling used by the entity itself.

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rapidly evolving case law has limited bankruptcy courts' jurisdiction, we must vacate and remand with separate instructions for each judgment creditor.

#### **BACKGROUND**

Lisa filed an adversary proceeding in bankruptcy court against her exhusband, Raul, for fraudulently transferring the assets of Artist Rights Foundation, LLC ("ARF") to a Texas limited liability company managed by Raul's father. Raul, a former California attorney, founded ARF in 1998 as a California limited liability company with Julian, a music producer, in order to collect royalties for the music of the Ohio Players, a former funk band. Raul and Julian secured all rights to the Ohio Players' music catalogue and exploited those rights, but from 1998 until 2005 the rights did not generate any revenue. In May 2002, Lisa and Raul divorced and executed a divorce decree under which Raul assigned half of his 50% interest in ARF to Lisa. Because Raul transferred half of his interest to Lisa without Julian's consent, in violation of ARF's written operating agreement ("Operating Agreement"), Lisa received a 25% economic interest in ARF with no management or voting rights.

On June 3, 2005, without obtaining prior consent from either Lisa or Julian, Raul assigned all of ARF's rights to the entity Segundo Suenos. At the time of the transfer, Segundo Suenos was not organized as a business entity under the laws of any state. Three months later, Raul assisted his father, Alfredo Galaz, in filing the necessary documents to establish Segundo Suenos, L.L.C. ("Segundo Suenos") within the state of Texas. Shortly thereafter, the royalties for the Ohio Players' music began to generate a substantial amount of revenue. From the time of ARF's transfer in June 2005 until trial in February 2010, Segundo Suenos's gross revenue from the Ohio Players'

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Raul resigned from the California bar in 2002 after pleading guilty to mail fraud.

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royalties totaled nearly one million dollars. Neither Julian nor Lisa received any share of the profits despite their interests in ARF.

In 2007, Lisa filed for Chapter 13 bankruptcy. In April 2008 she brought an adversary proceeding against Raul, Alfredo, and Segundo Suenos ("Defendants"), asserting claims under 11 U.S.C. §§ 542, 544, 548 and the Texas Uniform Fraudulent Transfer Act ("TUFTA"), and asserted that Raul, as a managing member of ARF, breached his fiduciary duties to Lisa when he transferred ARF's assets to Segundo Suenos. Defendants filed a third-party complaint against Julian, who in turn asserted seven counterclaims against Defendants, including breach of fiduciary duty and fraudulent conversion.3 After a five-day bench trial, the bankruptcy court found that the transfer of assets from ARF to Segundo Suenos was invalid, that it constituted a fraudulent transfer under TUFTA, that Raul owed fiduciary duties to Julian and had breached those duties, and that Raul owed no fiduciary duties to Lisa. The court entered judgment for Lisa and Julian, awarding Lisa \$250,000 in actual damages and \$250,000 in exemplary damages, and awarding Julian \$500,000 in actual damages and \$500,000 in exemplary damages. Raul and Segundo Suenos appealed the judgment to the district court, which affirmed the bankruptcy court's judgment but vacated and remanded the damages awards for further consideration of Segundo Suenos's alleged expenses and for redetermination of both the actual and exemplary damages. On remand, after deducting tax liabilities that ARF incurred from 1998 to 2005, the bankruptcy

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Julian asserted the following counterclaims: Breach of fiduciary duty, fraudulent conversion, unfair business practices, currency in possession and received, unjust enrichment, non-disclosure of accounting, and perjury. Counterclaim Against Alfredo Galaz, Raul Galaz, Segundo Suenos, LLC, *In re Lisa Ann Galaz*, No. 08-05043 (Bankr. W.D. Tex. November 23, 2009).

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court awarded Lisa \$241,309.10 in actual damages and \$250,000 in exemplary damages, and awarded Julian \$479,216.95 in actual damages and \$500,000 in exemplary damages. Appellants appealed the judgment, and the district court affirmed.<sup>4</sup> This timely appeal from the district court followed.<sup>5</sup>

#### STANDARD OF REVIEW

When reviewing a district court's affirmance of a bankruptcy court's judgment, this court applies "the same standard of review to the bankruptcy court decision that the district court applied." In re Frazin, 732 F.3d 313, 317 (5th Cir. 2013) (quoting In re IFS Fin. Corp., 669 F.3d 255, 260 (5th Cir. 2012) (internal quotation marks omitted)), cert. denied, 134 S. Ct. 1770 (U.S. 2014). Thus, this court reviews factual findings for clear error and legal conclusions de novo. Id. See also In re OCA, Inc., 551 F.3d 359, 366 (5th Cir. 2008).

#### DISCUSSION

#### A. Subject Matter Jurisdiction

The principal issues in this appeal concern the bankruptcy court's jurisdiction to entertain Lisa's and Julian's claims and the district court's role in reviewing the bankruptcy court's determinations. Appellants contend that Lisa's claims and Julian's counterclaims did not seek recovery of property taken from Lisa's estate and will not have any effect on her bankruptcy case. This court reviews the question of subject matter jurisdiction de novo. In re OCA, Inc., 551 F.3d at 366. As will be seen, the case turns on two separate questions, the statutory and constitutional authority of the bankruptcy court. We consider each in turn.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Alfredo Galaz was not held liable.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Despite being named as an appellee in this case, Julian did not participate in the proceedings before this court or the district court, even after the district court ordered Julian to file a brief during Appellants' appeal of the damages award.

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In Matter of Walker, this court explained the source of a bankruptcy court's jurisdiction:

Jurisdiction for bankruptcy cases is rooted in the provisions of 18 U.S.C. § 1334... Section 1334 provides that, with one exception, "the district court shall have original and exclusive jurisdiction of all cases under title 11."... Through this section, district courts, along with their bankruptcy units, are empowered to hear "cases under title 11" [i.e. the bankruptcy petition itself]. [Additionally,] § 1334(b) gives the district courts original, but not exclusive, jurisdiction over "proceedings arising under title 11"; "proceedings 'arising in' a case under title 11"; and "proceedings 'related to' a case under title 11."

51 F.3d 562, 568 (5th Cir. 1995) (internal citations omitted). Relevant to the analysis here are those cases that are at least "related to" a bankruptcy case.

Although the Bankruptcy Code does not define "related matters," . . . we determined that a matter is related for § 1334 purposes when "the outcome of that proceeding could conceivably have any effect on the estate being administered in bankruptcy." As we later more specifically stated, "[a]n action is related to bankruptcy if the outcome could alter the debtor's rights, liabilities, options, or freedom of action (either positively or negatively) and which in any way impacts upon the handling and administration of the bankrupt estate." Conversely, "bankruptcy courts have no jurisdiction over proceedings that have no effect on the debtor."

Id. at 569 (internal citations omitted) (emphasis in original).

As the district court found, a judgment against Appellants could, at least conceivably, increase the size of Lisa's bankruptcy estate. See In re BP RE, L.P., 735 F.3d 279, 282 (5th Cir. 2013) (state law claims brought by debtor against third-party non-creditors were "related to" the bankruptcy case); Waldman v. Stone, 698 F.3d 910, 916 (6th Cir. 2012), (bankruptcy court had subject matter jurisdiction over a debtor's state law claims in an adversary

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proceeding, in part because "a damages award on [the debtor's] affirmative claims would provide assets for his other creditors"). Lisa's TUFTA claim, it must be noted, is not the paradigmatic fraudulent conveyance claim in bankruptcy, which "asserts that property that should have been part of the bankruptcy estate and therefore available for distribution to creditors pursuant to Title "was improperly removed." Executive Benefits Ins. Agency v. Arkison, 134 S. Ct. 2165, 2174, 189 L. Ed. 2d 83, 82 U.S.L.W. 4450 (2014). In typical bankruptcy fraudulent conveyance cases, it is the debtor who "removes" property from his estate to prevent its falling into the hands of creditors. Here, Lisa is a victim—in her status as an economic interest holder and therefore a creditor—of Raul's unauthorized transfer of ARF's assets. Her state law claim for damages and other relief is against parties who are otherwise uninvolved in the bankruptcy case and exists irrespective of the pendency of the bankruptcy case.

Julian's counterclaims, in contrast, will not result in any recovery for Lisa, nor will they have any effect on her bankruptcy case. Even in light of the permissive standard for what constitutes matters "related to" bankruptcy, Julian's counterclaims as a third-party defendant fall short. See Matter of Walker, 51 F.3d at 569 ("As several courts have observed, 'a vast majority of cases find that "related to" jurisdiction is lacking in connection with third-party complaints."). Because the bankruptcy court lacked subject matter jurisdiction over Julian's unrelated third-party counterclaims, we must vacate the judgments for Julian.

<sup>6</sup> As thus characterized, Lisa's claim could not arise under the Bankruptcy Code itself, 11 U.S.C. § 548, and is not a "core" claim.

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Appellants also challenge the bankruptcy court's constitutional power to enter final judgment on Lisa's claims. A bankruptcy court may enter final judgment only if the court has both statutory and constitutional authority to do so. Stern v. Marshall, 131 S. Ct. 2594, 2608, 180 L. Ed. 2d 475, 79 U.S.L.W. 4564 (2011). A bankruptcy court's statutory authority derives from 28 U.S.C. §157(b)(1), which designates certain matters as "core proceedings" and authorizes a bankruptcy court to determine the matters and enter final judgments. See Executive Benefits, 134 S. Ct. at 2171. See also Waldman, 698 F.3d at 921-22 ("A core proceeding either invokes a substantive right created by federal bankruptcy law or one which could not exist outside of the bankruptcy." (quoting Lowenbraun v. Canary, 453 F.3d 314, 320 (6th Cir. 2006))), cert denied, 133 S. Ct. 1604 (2013). As for "non-core" proceedings, 28 U.S.C. § 157(c) authorizes a bankruptcy court either to "submit proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law to the district court," which are reviewed de novo, or to enter final judgment with the parties' consent. Executive Benefits, 134 S. Ct. at 2172.

While Section 157 gives bankruptcy courts statutory authority to enter final judgment on specific bankruptcy-related claims, "Article III of the Constitution prohibits bankruptcy courts from finally adjudicating certain of those claims." Id. at 2168. "Congress may not bypass Article III simply because a proceeding may have some bearing on a bankruptcy case; the question is whether the action at issue stems from the bankruptcy itself or would necessarily be resolved in the claims allowance process." Stern, 131 S. Ct. at 2618. Thus, "when a debtor pleads an action arising only under state-law, . . . or when the debtor pleads an action that would augment the bankrupt estate, but not 'necessarily be resolved in the claims allowance process[,]' then the bankruptcy court is constitutionally prohibited from

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entering final judgment." Waldman, 698 F.3d at 919 (quoting Sterns, 131 S. Ct. at 2618). Accord In re BP RE, 735 F.3d at 285.

The district court treated Lisa's TUFTA claim as being "related to" the bankruptcy rather than a core bankruptcy claim. We agree with this characterization. The court went on, however, to hold that the bankruptcy court had authority to enter a final judgment based on the Appellants' implied consent. 28 U.S.C. § 157(c)(2); Bankr. Rule 7012; Memo Op., Galaz v. Galaz, No. 11-00425 (W.D. Tex April 17, 2012). This court's later decisions in In re Frazin and In re BP RE are at odds with the district court's consent rationale. Each of these cases holds that according to Stern, the parties' express or implied consent cannot cure the constitutional deficiency that results from circumventing, or diminishing, the Article III structural protections for the federal judiciary. In re BP RE, 735 F.3d at 286-87 (relying on Waldman, 698 F.3d at 917, 918); In re Frazin, 732 F.3d at 319. While the Supreme Court reserved in Executive Benefits the issue of the efficacy of consent to support certain final bankruptcy court judgments, see 134 S. Ct. at 2170 n.4, the Court has granted certiorari on a case raising that issue. Wellness Int'l Network Ltd. v. Sharif, 727 F.3d 751 (7th Cir. 2013), cert. granted in part, 134 S. Ct. 2901, 82 U.S.L.W. 3496 (2014). Until the Supreme Court decides, we are bound by controlling circuit precedent.

The failure of the consent rationale does not vitiate the lower courts' work altogether, however. As the Supreme Court recently held, claims designated for final adjudication in the bankruptcy court as a statutory matter, but prohibited from proceeding in that way as a constitutional matter, may still "proceed as non-core within the meaning of § 157(c)." Executive Benefits, 134 S. Ct. at 2173. Because Lisa's claim is "related to a case under title 11," 28 U.S.C. § 157(c)(1), the bankruptcy court may still hear it and "submit

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proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law to the district court for de novo review and entry of judgment." Executive Benefits, 134 S. Ct. at 2173. Id. at 2174 (holding that the debtor's fraudulent conveyance claims "fit comfortably within the category of claims governed by § 157(c)(1)" and that the bankruptcy court would have been permitted to submit proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law on such claims). Accordingly, the district court's judgment on Lisa's TUFTA claim must be vacated and remanded for de novo review of the bankruptcy court's decision as recommended findings and conclusions.

#### B. Arbitration

Appellants contend alternatively that the bankruptcy court should have referred Lisa's claims to arbitration pursuant to an arbitration provision in the ARF Operating Agreement. "[O]nly parties to an arbitration agreement are generally bound by it," In re Huffman, 486 B.R. 343, 354 (Bankr. S.D. Miss. 2013). As the bankruptcy court found, Lisa was not a party to the Operating Agreement. The Operating Agreement's opening paragraph refers to "parties" as the LLC's "Members." Lisa held an only economic interest. While this circuit has recognized a limited set of circumstances in which a nonsignatory may be bound to an arbitration agreement, there is no argument or evidence suggesting how Lisa, neither a Member nor a party to the LLC, is bound to the arbitration provision. As to Lisa, this argument is meritless.

#### C. TUFTA Claim

Appellants challenge the district court's affirmance of the bankruptcy court's judgment finding liability on Lisa's TUFTA claim. See Bankr. Ct. Op.,

<sup>7 &</sup>quot;Six theories for binding a nonsignatory to an arbitration agreement have been recognized: (a) incorporation by reference; (b) assumption; (c) agency; (d) veil-piercing/alter ego; (e) estoppel; and (f) third-party beneficiary." Bridas S.A.P.I.C. v. Gov't. of Turkmenistan, 345 F.3d 347, 355-56 (5th Cir. 2003).

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In re Lisa Ann Galaz, No. 08-05043 (Bankr. W.D. Tex. Nov. 12, 2010). Although the district court will ultimately review this claim de novo upon remand, we clarify one legal point as guidance.

TUFTA "aims to prevent debtors from fraudulently placing assets beyond the reach of creditors." GE Capital Commercial Inc. v. Worthington Nat'l Bank, 754 F.3d 297, 302 (5th Cir. 2014). In order to prevail on a TUFTA claim, a plaintiff must prove that (1) she is a "creditor" with a claim against a "debtor"; (2) the debtor transferred assets after, or a short time before, the plaintiff's claim arose; and (3) the debtor made the transfer with the intent to hinder, delay, or defraud the plaintiff. Nwokedi v. Unlimited Restoration Specialists, Inc., 428 S.W.3d 191, 204-05 (Tex. App.—Houston [1st Dist.] 2014, pet. denied) (citing Tex. Bus. & Com. Code § 24.005(a)(1)). One issue raised here is whether Lisa qualifies as a "creditor" within the meaning of TUFTA. TUFTA defines a creditor as someone who has a "claim"—that is, a "right to payment or property, whether or not the right is reduced to judgment, liquidated, . . . fixed, contingent, matured . . . disputed, undisputed, legal, equitable, [or] secured," Tex. Bus. & Com. Code §§ 24.002(3), (4)—and defines "debtor" as "a person who is liable on a claim," id. at § 4.002(6).

The bankruptcy court assumed Lisa qualified as a "creditor" under TUFTA, but the district court held that Lisa had standing to assert a TUFTA claim as a creditor because she brought her claim in conjunction with other unliquidated, disputed tort claims that arose at the time ARF's assets were transferred. While we agree that Lisa qualifies as a creditor, it is more precise to say her status as a creditor turns on whether "she had a right to payment or property that existed at the time of the fraudulent transfer[] or that arose within a reasonable time afterwards." Williams v. Performance Diesel, Inc., No. 14-00-00063-CV, 2002 WL 596414 at \*2 (Tex. App.—Houston [14th Dist.]

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Apr. 18, 2002, no pet.) (citing Tex. Bus. & Com. Code §§ 24.005(a), 24.006). Because she was an economic interest holder of ARF, which was a creature of California corporate law, she had a right to payment and was entitled to distributions from ARF before it was "dissolved" in December 2006 and Raul transferred the royalty rights. See Cal. Corp. Code § 17001(n) ("Economic interest' means a person's right to share in the income, gains, losses, deductions, credit, or similar items of, and to receive distributions from, the limited liability company[.]"); id. at § 17300 ("[A]n economic interest in a limited liability company constitute[s] personal property of the . . . assignee.").8 Lisa thus had standing to bring such a TUFTA claim against Appellants.9

Appellants raise additional arguments challenging the bankruptcy court's findings on liability, actual damages and punitive damages, but review of these factual issues is not properly before us.

#### Conclusion

Based on the current state of bankruptcy court jurisdiction, as interpreted by the Supreme Court and this court, we must VACATE and REMAND with instructions to DISMISS the judgment in favor of Julian Jackson, which the bankruptcy court adjudicated without jurisdiction. The

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Title 2.5 of the California Corporations Code, which includes all provisions applying to limited liability companies, was recently repealed, operative January 1, 2014. However, because the relevant events of this case occurred prior to the repeal, Title 2.5 of the Code applies here.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Raul contends that "an economic interest holder may not bring a suit for fraudulent conveyance under California law," and relies on PacLink Communications International v. Superior Court, 90 Cal. App. 4th 958, 964 (Cal. App. 2d Dist. 2001), for this conclusion. However, PacLink does not support Raul's contention. PacLink focuses on the rights, or lack thereof, of shareholders to file individual suits and on the diminution of members' ownership interests in company assets. Lisa was neither a member nor a shareholder of ARF. She was an economic interest holder. Noticeably absent from PacLink is any discussion about the rights of economic interest holders.

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bankruptcy court's judgment for Lisa Galaz must also be VACATED and REMANDED to the district court for further proceedings. In re BP Re, 735 F.3d at 281. The district court, in turn, may refer the case to the bankruptcy court, which may recast its judgment as proposed findings and conclusions, or may otherwise dispose of the case consistent with this opinion.

Judgment VACATED and REMANDED with instructions to DISMISS IN PART; VACATED and REMANDED for further proceedings IN PART.

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- (1) A party who wants costs taxed must within 14 days after entry of judgment file with the circuit clerk, with proof of service, an itemized and verified bill of costs.
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- (1) the preparation and transmission of the record;
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- (3) premiums paid for a supersedens bond or other bond to preserve rights pending appeal; and
- (4) the fee for filing the notice of appeal.

## United States Court of Appeals

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August 25, 2014

MEMORANDUM TO COUNSEL OR PARTIES LISTED BELOW

Regarding: Fifth Circuit Statement on Petitions for Rehearing or Rehearing En Banc

No. 13-50781 Raul Galaz, et al v. Lisa Galaz, et al V. Lisa Galaz, et al USDC No. 5:11-CV-425 USDC No. 5:13-CV-379

Enclosed is a copy of the court's decision. The court has entered judgment under FED R. APP. P. 36. (However, the opinion may yet contain typographical or printing errors which are subject to correction.)

FED R. APP. P. 39 through 41, and 5TH Cir. R.s 35, 39, and 41 govern costs, rehearings, and mandates. 5TH Cir. R.s 35 and 40 require you to attach to your petition for panel rehearing or rehearing en banc an unmarked copy of the court's opinion or order. Please read carefully the Internal Operating Procedures (IOP's) following FED R. APP. P. 40 and 5TH CIR. R. 35 for a discussion of when a rehearing may be appropriate, the legal standards applied and sanctions which may be imposed if you make a nonmeritorious petition for rehearing en banc.

Direct Criminal Appeals. 5TH CIR. R. 41 provides that a motion for a stay of mandate under FED R. APP. P. 41 will not be granted simply upon request. The petition must set forth good cause for a stay or clearly demonstrate that a substantial question will be presented to the Supreme Court. Otherwise, this court may deny the motion and issue the mandate immediately.

Pro Se Cases. If you were unsuccessful in the district court and/or on appeal, and are considering filing a petition for certiorari in the United States Supreme Court, you do not need to file a motion for stay of mandate under FED R. App. P. 41. The issuance of the mandate does not affect the time, or your right, to file with the Supreme Court.

The judgment entered provides that appellants pay to appellees the costs on appeal.

Sincerely,

LYLE W. CAYCE, Clerk

By: Joseph M. Armato, Deputy Clerk

Enclosure(s)

Mr. Benjamin R. Bingham Mr. Julian Jackson Mr. Royal B. Lea III Mr. J. Scott Rose

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Appellees

Appeals from the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas, San Antonio

Before HIGGINBOTHAM, JONES, and PRADO, Circuit Judges.

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This cause was considered on the record on appeal and was argued by counsel.

It is ordered and adjudged that the judgment of the District Court is vacated, and the cause is remanded to the District Court for further proceedings in accordance with the opinion of this Court.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that appellants pay to appellees the costs on appeal to be taxed by the Clerk of this Court.

ISSUED AS MANDATE:

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Alfred Galaz 508 Red Cloud Dr. Harker Heights, TX 76548 Email: lgalaz@hot.rr.com

January 19, 2015

VIA PRIORITY MAIL
VIA EMAIL: j@artistrightsfoundation.com
Julian Jackson
4712 Admiralty Way, Ste. 593
Marina Del Rey, CA 90292

Re: Monies for Return; Artist Rights Foundation, LLC

Dear Mr. Jackson,

I am the successor in interest of Raul Galaz and Segundo Suenos, LLC, in certain matters pertaining to you.

As you are aware, pursuant to orders issued by the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Texas in adversary proceeding no. 08-05043, you were awarded a significant monetary judgment against Raul Galaz and Segundo Suenos LLC, and a two-thirds interest in the Ohio Players music catalogue (pending recovery of the monetary judgment, at which time such right would revert to a one-half interest). As you are aware, according to an opinion issued on August 25, 2014 by the 5<sup>th</sup> Circuit of Appeals, such judgment has now been vacated, and is no longer effective.

According to the records of Patrick Lowe, Esq., a receiver appointed in adversary proceeding no. 08-05043, you were paid the sum of \$17,244 pursuant to the now-vacated judgment. Specifically, on or about June 17, 2011 you were paid the sum of \$11,578, and on or about September 7, 2011 you were paid the sum of \$5,666. You are therefore responsible for the return of these sums.

You are additionally responsible for two-thirds of the costs associated with the seizure and liquidation of the previously-awarded assets pursuant to the now-vacated judgment, including the following: \$8,930 identified in the Lowe accounting, \$29,688 paid to BMI as interpleader fees, and \$30,593 payable to Patrick Lowe as receiver fees. The sum total of such fees equals \$69,211, two-third's of which equals \$46,140.

In sum, you remain liable for the sum of \$63,384 (\$17,244 + \$46,140). As the successor in interest to the aforementioned interests against you, I hereby make demand for such sum at this time. If you have received additional funds derived from such judgment, I hereby make demand for them as well.

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Please forward payment at this time in the amount of \$63,384, at the aforementioned address within the next two weeks, i.e., no later than February 2, 2015. If you require additional time for payment, please communicate your desired schedule and details regarding how such payment may be secured.

Additionally, review of Raul Galaz's records reveals that there has been no response to the letter that was sent to you by Raul Galaz via certified mail on May 11, 2011, wherein he requested a variety of information relating to Artist Rights Foundation, LLC. I hereby renew that request for information, which was as follows.

Pursuant to California Corporations Code section 17106, and Nevada Revised Statutes section 86.241(3), please produce the following information at this time, in writing, relating to Artist Rights Foundation LLC:

- (1) A current list of the full name and last known business or residence address of each member and of each holder of an economic interest in the limited liability company set forth in alphabetical order, together with the contribution and the share in profits and losses of each member and holder of an economic interest. Please note that, pursuant to both California and Nevada statutes, addresses must be an actual physical address of residence or operation, and neither a post office box or private mail box.
  - (2) A current list of the full name and business or residence address of each manager.
- (3) A copy of the articles of organization and all amendments thereto, together with any powers of attorney pursuant to which the articles of organization or any amendments thereto were executed.
- (4) Copies of the limited liability company's federal, state, and local income tax or information returns and reports, if any, for the six most recent taxable years.
- (5) Copies of any operating agreement of the company.
- (6) True and complete records regarding the amount of cash and a description and statement of the agreed value of any other property or services contributed by each member artd which each member has agreed to contribute in the future, and the date on which each became a member.
- (7) Complete records regarding the activities and the status of the business and financial condition of the company, including but not limited to all income that has been received from all sources, all expenditures made on behalf of the company, and a description of all actions that are being taken in order to exploit rights currently held by Artist Rights Foundation LLC against the following persons or entities:

- Warner/Chappell Music
- Heirs of Patricia Middlebrooks
- Heirs of Clarence Satchell
- James Rodger Williams
- Leroy Bonner
- Marshall Jones
- Marvin Pierce

Please make note that significant consequences exist for the failure to promptly provide this information. If the foregoing information cannot be provided within one week, please identify at this time when such information will be made available.

Sincerely,

Alfred Galaz

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Attorneys for Plaintiff RTG, LLC

# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS SAN ANTONIO DIVISION

RTG, LLC, a Florida Limited Liability Company,	) CASE NO. 5:19-CV-87-DAE
Plaintiff, v.	DECLARATION OF RYAN T. GALAZ IN SUPPORT OF RTG LLC'S OPPOSITION TO LISA FODERA'S MOTION FOR PARTIAL SUMMARY JUDGMENT
LISA KATONA FODERA, an individual,	) ) )
Defendant.	) ) )

### **DECLARATION OF RYAN T. GALAZ**

- I, RYAN TAYLOR GALAZ, declare and state as follows:
- 1. I am the sole principal of RTG, LLC, the plaintiff in this action. I submit this declaration in support of Plaintiff RTG, LLC's Opposition to Lisa Fodera's Motion for Partial Summary Judgment. The following facts are within my personal knowledge, and if called upon I could and would testify competently thereto.
- 2. In September 2016, I discussed with Alfred Galaz, my grandfather, a transfer of a claim he held against Julian Jackson for monies/expenses that had been unrightfully distributed to Jackson by a court-appointed receiver (the "Jackson Claim"). After a brief discussion, we agreed that I would pay \$5,000 to acquire the unrealized, speculative claim against Mr. Jackson. This transaction was confirmed by an email dated September 29, 2019. A few days later, on October 3, 2016, I transferred \$5,000 to Alfred Galaz. These facts are corroborated by correspondence and documents submitted as exhibits. **Exhibits Q, R to Opposition**.
- 3. I placed ownership of the Jackson Claim into RTG, LLC, a limited liability company wholly owned by me. I then engaged legal counsel in Los Angeles, California (Pick & Boydston LLP), who was already familiar with the matter, and agreed to handle the matter for RTG, LLC. Ultimately, Pick &

Boydston LLP was paid \$13,000 for its services. I filed suit against Mr. Jackson on March 23, 2017. Despite being served, Jackson failed to file a formal response, and on October 23, 2017, a default judgment was entered for \$64,235.

- 4. I was wholly unaware of any specifics of the litigation between my grandfather and my mother, other than what applied specifically to the Jackson Claim. I testified as to such fact in my deposition, noting that the document references within my prove-up declaration were provided to me by my legal counsel.
- 5. In sum, RTG, LLC paid more than \$23,000 (\$5,000 + \$13,000 + \$5,000) to obtain its 50% interest in the Music Rights, previously held by Jackson.
- 6. RTG, LLC is owned exclusively by me, and has been since inception. I organized RTG, LLC. I am the only person with access or control to RTG's bank account. I am the only person who maintains the books and records of RTG. I am the only person who has ever filed tax returns on behalf of RTG, and the only person who benefitted financially from RTG. RTG has engaged in three businesses thusfar, the acquisition of a monetary claim against Julian Jackson, the acquisition of music rights, and most significantly, the renovation of residential real estate. The acquisition and renovation of real estate dwarfs the monetary value of the first two businesses by almost ten to one.

- 7. By contrast, Raul Galaz, my father, had no involvement in "setting up" RTG, as Lisa Fodera maintains. RTG has never entered into any agreement with Raul Galaz. Raul Galaz has never received *any* payment or compensation from RTG, despite RTG having substantial income. Raul Galaz had no participation in RTG's filing of a lawsuit against Jackson other than generally explaining the legal process to me. Raul Galaz had zero involvement in the sale of Jackson's assets, including any acquisition of Jackson's music rights. The *entire* involvement of Raul Galaz in any of RTG's business was to periodically assist with the renovation of a duplex, and report to me when I could not deal with a matter firsthand.
- 8. Until being accused by Lisa Fodera, my mother, I was wholly unaware of any injunction that existed in litigation between my grandfather and my mother, much less Fodera's characterization thereof. In fact, I never even spoke to Alfred Galaz, my grandfather, regarding the injunction or other rulings.
- 9. Until this lawsuit, I had no knowledge that Fodera held any asserted interest in the Jackson Claim. On behalf of myself and RTG, I believed Alfred Galaz had full authority to transfer the Jackson Claim and, by all appearances, he was not mistaken.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed this 2nd day of October, 2019, at Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Ryan Galaz
Ryan T. Galaz

# **Proof of Delivery**

I hereby certify that on Monday, March 16, 2020, I provided a true and correct copy of the Appendix Volume 1 - Public Redacted to the following:

Public Television Claimants (PTC), represented by Dustin Cho, served via Electronic Service at dcho@cov.com

MPA-Represented Program Suppliers (MPA), represented by Alesha M Dominique, served via Electronic Service at amd@msk.com

Multigroup Claimants (MGC), represented by Brian D Boydston, served via Electronic Service at brianb@ix.netcom.com

Joint Sports Claimants (JSC), represented by Michael E Kientzle, served via Electronic Service at michael.kientzle@apks.com

Canadian Claimants Group, represented by Victor J Cosentino, served via Electronic Service at victor.cosentino@larsongaston.com

National Association of Broadcasters (NAB) aka CTV, represented by John Stewart, served via Electronic Service at jstewart@crowell.com

Signed: /s/ Matthew J MacLean